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States

Human smuggling case: Race and the death penalty have come to the forefront of the prosecution of a New York man accused of driving and abandoning a hot, airless tractor-trailer in what became the nation's dead-

liest human smuggling attempt.

The legal wrangling over whether truck driver Tyrone Williams is facing the death penalty because he is black isn't over but jury selection in his trial began Tuesday.

Prosecutors in Houston have said Willlams is facing the death penalty because he alone had the power to free the more than 70 illegal immigrants who were stuffed in his tractor-trailer as the interior temperature neared 173 degrees and they screamed for help.

Michael Jackson trial: Michael Jackson returned to court Tuesday in Santa Maria, Calif, after a week's delay and the judge assured prospective jurors that the singer really had been ill and there was no plot to put off his child molestation trial.

Judge Rodney S. Melville told prospective jurors that he understood their frustrations over "a couple of false starts." He referred to Jackson's illness, which closed down jury selection for a week, and an earlier delay caused by the death of defense attorney Thomas Mesereau's sister.

Prosecutors began interviewing jury prospects who were previously questioned by defense attorneys

Lasers and airplanes: The FBI is investigating after six airline pilots told authorities that they saw a laser while approaching Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The pilots told authorities that they each saw a green laser while flying over Denton County between 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. Sunday, said John Clabes, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

Over the last four months, the FAA has received dozens of reports of lasers being pointed at airplanes in several states.

World

Pope's health: Pope John Paul II received Croation Prime Minister Ivo Sanader on Tuesday, the first foreign leader to meet with the pontiff since he was rushed to the hospital with breathing problems three weeks ago.

The frail 84-year pope appeared alert and in relatively good form but did not speak during a five-minute photo session that followed a 10-minute private meeting.



Indonesia garbage silde: Indonesian soldiers and residents retrieve a body from the wreckage of houses buried under mountains of debris in Bandung, Indonesia, on Tuesday. Rescuers were digging for survivors Tuesday after a garbage dump collapsed onto a neighborhood Monday, killing at least 41 people. At least 70 other people were missing and feared dead. It was triggered early Monday by forrential rains that have hit the region in recent days.

Egyptian detentions: Egyptian and international rights groups attacked the government Tuesday for detaining as many as 2,400 people for four months in its investigation of the October bombings that devastated the Taba Hilton hotel.

Some of the detainees have been tortured, and all have been held for about 16 weeks without access to lawyers or their families— a violation of Egyptian law, Human Rights Watch said in a report released at a press conference with two Egyptian rights groups in Cairo.

Resignation of U.N. refugee chief: United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has told employees of the U.N. refugee agency that his acceptance of their chief's resignation should not be interpreted as indicating he is guilty of sexual misconduct, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

In a letter distributed to the staff of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Annan stressed that Ruud Lubbers has not been found guilty of any offense, U.N. spokeswoman Marie Heuze said.

Iran nuclear program: Iran on Tuesday shrugged off growing pressure from the United States to abandon its nuclear program, saying it was not violating international laws that allow the peaceful use of atomic energy.

Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said his country was well within its rights to develop its nuclear program, which he insisted was in accordance with regulations set by the International Atomic Energy Agen-

Iran will not give up its nuclear program and will not be cowed by Washington, he said.

China mine explosion: The body of the

last missing miner from a Feb. 14 coal mine explosion in northeast China has been found, bringing the death toll from the disaster to 214, the government said Tuesday. The gas explosion at the Sunjiawan colli-

The gas explosion at the Sunjiawan colliery near Fuxin, in northeastern China's Liaoning province, was the worst such disaster reported in decades.

Of the 574 miners working at the time of the blast, 330 escaped unharmed and 244 were trapped.

Insurgency in Thailand: The Thai government agreed Tuesday to hold a special parliamentary debate on a Muslim insurgency in the southern part of the country, amid warnings that the spiraling violence could claim thousands of lives if the prime minister continues with his hardline crackdown. More than 650 people have died since Jan-

More than 650 people have died since January last year in the Muslim-dominated southern provinces of Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani in violence that the government blames on Islamic separatists.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra last week announced a new policy to cut off development funds for so-called "red zone" villages in the south deemed sympathetic to the insurgents.

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Camp Henry GI charged in stabbing death

BY FRANKLIN FISHER

Stars and Strines

PYONGTAEK, South Korea - A U.S. soldier stationed in South Korea has been charged in the stabbing death of an Army sergeant last Saturday in barracks at Camp Carroll in Waegwan, officials said.

Army Pfc. Gregory David Robertson was in pretrial confinement Tuesday, charged with murder in the death of Sgt.

Kenneth Lamond Kelly. Kelly, 27, of Greensboro, N.C., was assigned to the 293rd Signal Company at Camp Carroll, said Maj. David Doherty, a spokesman for the 19th Theater Support Command in Taegu.

Robertson, 24, is a computer graphics designer assigned to the 20th Area Support Group at Camp Henry in Taegu, about a 30-minute drive south of Camp Carroll. He

entered the Army in January 2001. Kelly, who entered the Army in March 1999, sustained a stab wound to the abdomen and was pronounced dead Saturday night at the Camp Carroll Troop Medical Center, Doherty said.

Details of the incident, including what led up to the stabbing, were not available from officials Tuesday evening. Also unavailable were details of the victim and whether he was married or had children.

A soldier in the barracks dashed outside, flagged a military police vehicle on routine patrol and led MPs to Kelly at about 6:49 p.m. Saturday, Doherty said.

"There was a wound to the abdomen," he said of Kelly. "The soldier had weak vital signs" when MPs arrived.

The MPs called an ambulance, which

rushed Kelly to the base medical center There, Capt. Jeremy Johnson, a physician, pronounced Kelly dead at 7:37 p.m., Doher-

ty said. 'The suspect was apprehended at the hended at the scene where Kelly was located."

Agents of the Army's Criminal Investiga-tion Division arrested Robertson, Doherty said. The CID's investigation into the incident was continuing, he said.

Yokota AB welcomes '05 Special **Olympics**

BY T.D. FLACK Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan When the 2005 Special Olympics Team USA arrived at Yokota's air terminal Tuesday morning, they were met with cheers, high-fives and hugs from base residents.

More than 200 athletes and 80 coaches en route to the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, walked be-tween two lines of residents who clapped, cheered and chanted "U.S.A, U.S.A."

Airman 1st Class Herschel K. Thomas, a 21-year-old from Mount Airy, N.C., volunteered to "anything to help, pretty much.

"It's something good ... good to show support," he said. Thomas worked with the Special Olym-pics in high school and was a greeter at last year's local Special Olympics on Yokota

The team landed at Yokota after a 13-hour trip from Los Angeles on a chartered plane thanks to assistance from the Air Mobili-ty Command, said Frank Fitzpatrick, a Department of Defense special events coordinator from Washington, D.C. He said it took about three months of planning to arrange the transportation and Yokota stop.

Speed skating coach Ray Thoren, from Denver, thought the event was "pretty neat." The Army veteran said the outpour-ing of support for the athletes wasn't a shock. The biggest surprise, he said, was how much Yokota had changed since he transited through the base on the way to South Korea in 1969



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripe

Special Olympics athletes and coaches representing the United States Team are greeted with applause from some of the airmo and residents of Yokota Air Base on Tuesday as they arrive for the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games being held at Nagano.

"They all look so young," he said of the airmen greeting his

Staff Sgt. Gerald Morey, Kanto Plains Special Olympics event director, was happy with the event.

"I couldn't have asked for a better turnout," he said. "To see the athletes' faces" as they arrived was the best part.

Airman 1st Class Erica Dorval, , of Miami and Airman 1st Class Twyla Williams, 23, of New Orleans stood side-by-side in the greeting line.

"I've never done something like this before," Dorval said. "I like

She said she was excited for the team to finally get to Nagano

after all the travel. After the guests cleared cus served by volunteers, Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing com-mander, welcomed them.

"We're very proud to have you here." he said. "You have our

best wishes for success And when Ray Denny, who also works with the Kanto Plains organization, asked "Who's gonna kick butt at the games?", the answer came booming from the jet-lagged athletes. "USA," they shouted.

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Sailor sentenced to 3 years for assault

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — An E-2 sailor assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk was sentenced to 36 months of confinement for an assault last year in which he was accused of stabbing another sailor with a butterfly knife, Navy officials said.

The incident took place off base in Yokosuka last November, officials said

Majusty Boone, 24, a machinist's mate fireman apprentice, was charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct after the incident, said Cmdr. John Wallach, spokesman for Commander Naval Forces Japan.

Boone was accused of injuring a fellow Kitty Hawk sailor. The victim suffered a "significant cut on one hand that required treatment." Wallach said.

Boone pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon at his court martial last week at Yokosuka, the Kitty Hawk's permanent base and headquarters for CNFJ.

In addition to confinement, Boone's sentence includes reduction in rank to E-1: forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge, Wallach said

Port call Guam: Party time for USS Vinson

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stare and Strings

Guam is teeming with sailors this week from the USS Carl Vinson, which pulled into Apra Harbor on Monday for a scheduled port call

The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and three other ships in its strike group unloaded more than 6,000 sailors on Guam for a week of liberty, Navy officials said Tuesday.

A few community relations projects are planned but "for the most part, it's a liberty port," said Lt. Cmdr. Scott McIlnay, spokesman for the Carl Vinson strike group. "The crew is trying to get out and enjoy the hospitality of the island.'

The ship, which put to sea Jan. 13 from its homeport of Bremerton, Wash., is on an "around-the-world deployment" en route to Norfolk, Va., where it's to begin a three-year maintenance period, called a refueling and complex overhaul, according to a Navy news release.

The refueling and upgrades will "make us practically the newest carrier in the fleet," McIlnay said Tuesday from the ship.

The Vinson isn't due into Norfolk until mid-July. Referencing Navy policy against discussing ship movements, McIlnay said he couldn't say where the carrier is scheduled to visit next and whether it will stop in Japan. "From here, we'll continue with our Western Pacific portion of our world deployment in conjunction with our home port change," he said Navy I.t. Arwen Consaul, U.S.

Naval Base Guam spokeswoman.

said in a written statement, that the base spent a month preparing for the battle group's port call. "We secured 36 port buses for the sailors to take into town," she wrote "Naval Base Guam delivered 1.5 million gallons of fuel to the ships that pulled in. Through [Morale, Welfare and Recreation], we had vending machines on the pier, food and telephones for sailors to use. Guam's Pacific Daily News re-

ported Tuesday that by Monday afternoon, the island "was plush with sailors in rental cars, standing in line at Kmart, walking the beach in Tumon and zipping around Hagatna Bay on personal motorized watercraft '

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What is Special Olympics? Special Olympics is an international move

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For more information about the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, visit www. 2005sowwg.com.

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Sen. John McCair

McCain favors permanent U.S. bases in Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - The United States needs permanent military bases in Afghanistan to protect its "vital national security interests" in the region, an influential American lawmaker said Tuesday after talks with the Afghan president.

The remarks by Sen. John McCain are the latest indication of American and British aspirations to cement their influence in this former al-Qaida stronghold, on the doorstep of Iran, China and nuclear-armed rivals Pakistan and India.

McCain, part of a five-strong U.S. Senate delegation which met President Hamid Karzai at his palace in the Afghan capital, said he was committed to a "strategic partnership that we believe must endure for many, many years."

"Not only because of our appre ciation of Afghanistan, but also we believe there will be vital national security interests in this region for a long time," McCain, R-Ariz., told reporters.

Asked what such a partnership would entail, he said: "Economic assistance, technical assistance, military partnership including and this is a personal view - joint military permanent bases and also cultural exchanges."

McCain, the No. 2 Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, didn't elaborate on the kind of American military presence he was advocating. Karzai didn't address the issue at a joint news conference and his office didn't return a call seeking comment

A spokesman for the Afghan Defense Ministry, Gen. Mohammed Zaher Azimi, would say only that U.S. and NATO forces were needed in Afghanistan and are here legitimately to expand the Afghan security sector.'

Questions on permanent for-eign bases were "for the top level of government to answer." Azimi

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said she hoped to expand a "friendship and partnership which is very important to the United States and something that we believe very strongly is in the interests of both" countries.

Al-Jaafari is likely prime minister

Chalabi drops bid

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Interim Vice President Ibrahim al-Jaafari was chosen as his Shiite ticket's candidate for prime minister Tuesday after Ahmad Chalabi dropped his bid, senior alli-

ance officials said. Al-Jaafari's selection means he likely will lead Iraq's first democraticalelected government in years. But first he has to be approved by a coali-tion that likely will include the Kurds, and then he must be approved by a majority of the newly elected Nation

al Assembly.

Dressure from within Pressure from within the ranks of the United Iraqi Alliance, which won Iraq's landmark Jan. 30 election, forced

the withdrawal of Chalabi, a one-time Pentagon favorite, said Hussein al-Moussawi from the Shiite Political Council, an umbrella group for 38 Shiite parties. Meanwhile, two explosions echoed through

Baghdad at midday. A plume of black smoke rose from the Green Zone, where Iraqi government offices and the U.S. Embassy are locat-

Police Capt. Muthanna Hassan said one of the blasts was a car bomb that exploded as an Iraqi special forces convoy passed by, killing two soldiers and wounding 20 others. It was not clear what caused the other blast.

In western Baghdad, masked gunmen In western pagnuau, masses guinhurled explosives into a Shiite mosque in the Ghazaliyah neighborhood, police Capt. Sa'ad Jawad Kadhim said

The explosives failed to detonate and guards opened fire on the attackers, killing one and forcing the rest to flee, Kadhim said Also in Baghdad, police foiled a suicide

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Monday, at least 1,483 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,116 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

The figures include four military civilians. The AP count is 21 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary,

Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,345 U.S. military mem bers have died, according to AP's count.
That includes at least 1.007 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ Three soldiers were killed Monday in Baghdad when a roadside bomb detonated as they were evacuating a fellow soldier. The latest identifications reported by the

Army Spc. Clinton R. Gertson, 26, Hous-

ton; died Saturday in Mosul from small arms fire; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash

■ Army 1st Lt. Adam Malson, 23, Rochester Hills, Mich., killed by an explosive while on patrol Saturday in Baghdad; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, N.Y. Army Spc. Seth R. Trahan, 20: killed by

an explosive while on patrol Saturday in Baghdad; assigned to the National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, Crowley, La

■ Army Sgt. Carlos J. Gil, 30, Orlando, Fla.; killed by an explosive Friday in Hu-maniyuh; assigned to the 377th Transportation Company, 181st Transportation Battal-ion, Mannheim, Germany.

bombing, arresting a Sudanese man who tried to detonate an explosives-laden belt inside the Adnan Khair Allah hospital, Interior Ministry Capt. Ahmed Ismael said.

It was apparently the second suicide mis sion involving a Sudanese. At least one man believed to be of Sudanese origin carried out a suicide bombing Saturday in Baghdad, part of a wave of violence that killed 55 people on Ash-

oura, the holiest day of the Shiite calendar. Also in the capital, a U.S. military convoy was hit in a roadside bomb attack in the south ern neighborhood of Doura, police Lt. Haith-

am Abdul Razak said U.S. troops exchanged fire with gunmen in Samarra, 60 miles north of the capital. One

Iraqi was killed in a mortar strike there, said Dr. Aala al-Deen Mohammed.

Al-Jaafari said dealing with insurgents and re-establishing security would be the first task of his government if he becomes prime

Some of Chalabi's aides, including Qaisar Witwit, suggested he was being offered the post of deputy prime minister in charge of eco-

nomic and security affairs.

When asked about such a deal. Chalabi said simply, "We will see.

Chalabi said he dropped out of the race "for the unity of the alliance." He would not say if he had been offered a post in the new govern-



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Man falsely tells Army wife her husband died

BY RUSS BYNUM The Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Military police are investigating a cruel hoax in which a man wearing a U.S. Army dress uniform falsely told the wife of a soldier that her husband had been killed in Iraq.

Investigators are trying to determine why the man delivered the false death notice and whether he was a soldier or a civilian wearing a military uni-

"We're taking it extremely seriously. Whatever motivation was behind it, it was a sick thing to do," said Fort Stewart spokesman Lt. Col. Robert Whet-

Last month, 19,000 soldiers from the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division deployed for their

second tour of duty in Iraq.

At least eight division soldiers have been killed

wife who reported to military police that a man pos ing as a casualty assistance officer came to her door Feb 10

"Right off the hat she noticed some things were not right." Whetstone said. "The individual's uniform wasn't correct — there were no markings or name tags. Plus, the person was alone, and she knew

one person does not make [death] notifications. Whetstone said no similar hoaves have been reported.

When the 3rd ID first deployed to Iraq for the 2003 invasion, some Fort Stewart families reported receiving phone calls from pranksters saying their

soldiers had been killed. This time around, troops and their spouses got predeployment briefings that included detailed explana

tions of how death notices work

What to watch for

The Army has guidelines for casualty notification officers to follow when informing family members about a death:

- The notification officers must be of a rank equal to or higher than the soldier killed
- They will inform the next of kin in person in full dress uni-
- form, never over the phone. ■ They must identify themselves by name, rank, unit and home base.
- They must not physically touch the next of kin, unless
- er's visit. there is shock or fainting. Officers are told not to ex-

tend "overly sympathetic ges-

- tures" or "gory or embarrassing details." ■ Issues of benefits, pay, investigations into the death or
- mortuary affairs are not to be discussed. Officers are required to con-firm the next of kin's phone number and address, so informa-
- tion on benefits and letters of condolence can be sent to the correct location. ■ The Army also requires a casualty assistance officer to contact the next of kin within 24 hours of the notification offic-

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Words mean world to N. Korea

BY GLENN KESSLER The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - What's in a phrase? Everything, in the craft of diplomacy.

This is the story of three little words - "no hostile intent" - and the fierce tussle within the Bush administration over them as officials tried to develop a policy to confront North Korea's nuclear ambitions

To a non-diplomat, the phrase might seem typical of the awkward and diffuse verbiage frequently uttered by men in pinstriped suits. But to the North Korean government, hearing those words from the United States looms large as the diplomatic equivalent of the Holy Grail. Yet President Bush has never

uttered them. Neither has Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Former Secre-

tary of State Colin Powell did, especially in the final months of his ten-- and he frequently suggested Bush had said them, too.

Peter Hayes, executive director of the Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability in San Francisco, said studying and analyzing the comments of U.S. officials is a significant career track in the Pyongyang bureaucracy.

"They watch like hovering awks," said Hayes, who has hawks, made seven trips to North Korea. "They monitor American rhetoric, statements and the policy process much more closely than we monitor them."

In 2000, a senior North Korean official visited Washington and met with President Clinton and other top officials.

At the end of his visit, the governments issued a joint communi-que that declared that "as a crucial first step, the two sides stated that neither government would have hostile intent toward the other.

Wendy Sherman, a former top State Department official who was the chief U.S. negotiator of the communique text, said her counterpart made it clear that including the phrase about "hostile intent" was critical to North Korea's making concessions on its

Top U.S. negotiator downplays overture

By JOSEPH GIORDONO Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — The top U.S. negotia-tor for nuclear talks with North Korea downplayed Tuesday's conditional overture by Kim Jong II, saving instead the reclusive re gime simply should return to the six-party talks.

Ambassador to South Korea Christopher Hill made the comments at a Tuesday morning breakfast forum for the alumni association of the Hankuk Unversity of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korean media reported.

"Every day we have signs that either the DPRK does not want to

attend the talks, wants to attend the talks, does not want to without conditions, wants to with condi-tions," Hill said, using the acro-nym for the North's official name, Yonhap news agency reported. "Frankly, it's a little hard to keep track

Earlier Tuesday, the North's official Korea Central News Agency released a statement attributed directly to Kim that said the country would return to the six-party talks if certain conditions were met. Among those conditions were a "mature" and "sincere" approach by the United States, KCNA said. E-mail Joseph Giordono at: giordonoi@pstripes.osd.mi

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'No hostile intent' Bush lauds NATO help in Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium - President Bush, working to cement an era of stronger U.S.-European relations after the divisiveness of Iraq, hailed NATO's modest pledge to help train security forces there Tuesday, saving "every contribution helps.

"The NATO training mission is an important mission, because after all, the success of Iraq depends upon the capacity and the willingness of the Iraqis to defend their own selves against terrorists," Bush said at NATO headquarters here.

NATO has been struggling for months to get a commitment from all allies to join the mission in Iraq.

so that Iraqis can handle their own security, is considered vital to lowering the U.S. troop presence there. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, the general in charge of training Iraqi troops, has said that about 136,000 Iraqi military, police and national guard members

have been trained and equipped — fewer than half the ultimate goal of a force of about 270,000. NATO's secretary-general said all members of the alliance would help train Iraq's military.

"All 26 allies are working together to respond to the Iraqi government's request for support by training Iraqi security forces, providing equipment and help-ing to fund NATO's efforts," Jaap de Hoop Scheffer told the NATO summit.

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At least 420 killed in Iran quake

Villagers search for survivors after magnitude-6.4 temblor

The Associated Press

SARBAGH, Iran - Under a cold, driving rain, survivors wailed over the bodies of the dead and dug through the ruins of mud-brick houses searching for their loved ones after a powerful earthquake flattened villages in central Iran on Tuesday, killing at least 420 people.

The toll was expected to rise as rescue teams still did not have a final count from the three most isolated villages in the mountainous region. Around 30,000 people were affected, many left homeless when some villages were reduced to piles of dirt and stone by the magnitude-6.4 earthquake

"Where have you gone? I had a lot of plans for you," Hossein Golestani sang soft ly to the lifeless form of his 7-year-old daughter, Fatima, held in his arms. The body of his 8-year-old daughter, Mariam, lay beside him in the devastated village of Hotkan

Golestani and his wife were out tending

their herd of goats when the quake struck at 5:55 a.m. wrecking their home. Other survivors slapped their faces in grief as they sat next to the dead, wranned in blankets in hospital morgues or on roadsides.

Some 40 villages were damaged in the quake, which struck a region 150 miles from Bam, site of a devastating earthquake in December 2003 that killed 26,000 people and levelled the historic city.

As nighttime came, temperatures fell and rain turned to snow in parts of the mountains, and survivors huddled around fires to keep warm, covering themselves in blankets and sipping hot soup. Some 1,500 workers from the Iranian Red Crescent fanned out in teams, bringing tents and

Heavy rain and bad visibility were hamrelief efforts. But Mohammad Javad Fadaei, deputy governor of Kerman province, said the search for the dead and missing would continue through the night in Hotkan and two other other villages, Sarbagh and Dahoueieh, which rescue workers had had the most difficulty reaching.

es, he told The Associated Press.

The quake was centered on the outskirts of Zarand, a town of about 15,000 people in Kerman province about 600 miles south-east of the capital Tehran, Iran's geological

Though comparable in strength to the magnitude-6.6 Bam quake, Tuesday's quake hit a more sparsely populated area and was centered far deeper — 25 miles compared to 6 miles for Bam - limiting the damage

Still, the tiny villages that dot the central mountains — most of them made in fragile mud brick — were hard hit. In Douheieh. every building except a mosque with a golden dome had collapsed. At least 80 percent of the buildings in Sarbagh were lev-

Fadaei said the death toll stood at 420 with some 900 injured.

Residents of Khanook village carried bodies to the morgue for washing before burial. Others crowded around lists of the dead posted on the morgue's wall, breaking into cries if they found a relative's



A villager injured by a powerful earthquake that shook central Iran on Tuesday searches his damaged house for goods on the outskirts of Zarand

Cigar festival opens in Cuba

By Vanessa Arrington The Associated Press

HAVANA - Surrounded by live models posing as statues and elaborate, colorful decora-tions, hundreds of cigar aficionados from around the world gathered in one of Havana's most elegant museums to launch the island's annual Habanos Cigar Festival

Participants from more than 50 countries mingled Monday at the National Museum of Fine Arts as they puffed away on Cuban stogies and watched energetic dance performances.
Painted men in loincloths posed on benches around the museum, where several different languages could be heard.

Officials from Habanos S.A. the Cuban cigar marketing firm, promised a "delirious" week of glamour and fun, to be filled with contests, cocktail nights and visits to tobacco plantations and the factories where Cuba's famous hand-rolled cigars are made

More than 1,000 cigar merchants and others were expect-ed to attend the festival, which culminates Friday with a gala dinner that includes an auction of elaborate humidors fashioned of cedar wood and auto-graphed by Cuban President

'Mermaid' baby prepared for surgery to separate fused legs

BY CARLA SALAZAR The Associated Press

LIMA, Peru - The father of a 9-month-old baby born with a rare congenital defect called "mermaid's syndrome' said Monday she is doing well ahead of an operation to separate her fused

Ricardo Cerron, 24, also said he dreads the danger she still faces His daughter, Milagros, was born April 27 with sirenomelia.

On Feb 8 three bags of sili-

cone were inserted between the baby's ankles, knees and thighs during a three-hour operation. The bags will be filled with saline solution every three days to

Milagros has been undergoing daily sessions in a hyperbaric chamber to improve blood circulation to her skin and the fat in

stretch the skin.

her legs. "We have gone through some difficult moments waiting," said Cerron "The first operation was a little bad but the hyperbaric chamber sessions are going Doctors said the operation will

occur in 35 to 40 days but Milagros must first complete 20 days of hyperbaric treatment. Milagros, which means "mira-

cles," was in the arms of her mother, 19-year-old Sara Arauco, during a visit by an Associated Press Television crew on Monday. The baby is one of only three known cases in which children with the condition are still alive



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Officials: Bird flu may mutate At least six killed Human form of illness could be pandemic

year's entire flock of 23,000 chickens needed to

BY PAUL RECER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A bird flu virus may mutate to a human form that becomes as deadly as the ones that killed millions during three influenza pandemics of the 20th century.

Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Monday that scientists believe it is highly likely that the virus that has swept through bird populations in Asia will evolve into a pathogen deadly for humans.

"We are expecting more human cases over the next few weeks because this is high season for avian influenza in that part of the world," Gerberding said in remarks at the national meeting of the American Rows of chickens are seen at a farm in the Association for the Ad- Mekong Delta in southern Vietnam where last vancement of Science

of be destroyed due to the deadly bird flu. Although cases human-to-human transmis-

sion have been rare, "our assessment is that this is a very high threat" based on the known history of the flu virus, she said.

In Asia, there have already been a number of deaths among people who caught the flu from chickens or ducks. The mortality rate is high - about 72 percent of identified patients, said Gerberding. There also have been documented cases of this strain of flu being transferred from person-to-person, but the outbreak was not sustained, she said.

The avian flu, now spreading in Asia, is part of what is called the H1 family of flu viruses. It is a patho gen that is notorious in

human history. "Each time we see a new H1 antigen emerge, we experience a pandemic of in-fluenza," said Gerberding. In 1918, H1 appeared and millions died worldwide. In 1957, the Asian flu was an H2, and the Hong Kong flu in 1968 was a H3.

There had been small appearances of the H1-type of avian viruses in other years, but nothing like the H5 now rampaging through the hirds of Asia

"We are seeing a highly nathogenic strain of influenza virus emerge to an ex-

traordinary proportion across the entire western component of Asia," she said. "The reason this is so ominous is because of the evolution of flu. ... You may see the emergence of a new strain to which the human population has no immunity.

by storms in Calif.

BY DAISY NGUYEN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - A deadly series of storms across California spawned tornadoes, land-slides and avalanches as persistent rain flooded freeways and golf courses and sent mud roaring into homes.

At least six people were killed

Forecasters said Tuesday that while the strong system would bring at least another inch of rain on Southern California, it was losing strength and could move out of the region by

Wednesday afternoon.
"I think we've probably seen the worst of the storm," National Weather Service meteorologist Ted MacKenchnie said. "We should start seeing a decrease in the activity."
A flash flood watch remained

in effect across much of Southern California on Tuesday, the NWS said

Authorities said Monday that dozens of homes were evacuat-ed or red-tagged because they threatened to collapse from sliding hillsides Northern California also was

hit by severe thunderstorms,

hail and at least two afternoon tornadoes that caused minor damage in the Sacramento area. Trees were uprooted and roofs and fences damaged in the torna-does, while residents reported seeing other funnel clouds in the

"The impact of the storm lift-ed my car up in the air and back down ... about 15 inches ... it was unbelievable," Woodrow Park-er, who was driving when the tornado hit, told KCRA-TV in

Off the coast of Santa Barbara. Harbor Patrol officers early Monday battled strong waves and winds to rescue Jim Catlin, a one-legged man who was stranded on a 27-foot-long boat that had been floating at sea with no mast for sails and no

In Los Angeles, a section of the Hollywood Freeway was shut down for several hours late Monday when lanes were flooded in as much as five feet of water. Crews pumped the water out of the highway.

The wild weather came from a series of storms that began battering the state on Thursday, dumping 6.5 inches of rain in downtown Los Angeles.



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Va. man charged in alleged plot to kill Bush



The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - A former Virginia high school valedictorian who had been detained in Saudi Arabia as a suspected terrorist was charged Tuesday with conspiring to assassinate President Bush and with support-

ing the al-Oaida terrorist network Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 23, a U.S. citizen, made an initial appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court but

did not enter a plea.

while detained in Saudi Arabia since June 2003 and offered to show the

judge his scars. The federal indictment said that in 2002 and 2003 Abu Ali and an unidentified co-conspirator discussed plans for Abu Ali to assassinate Bush. They discussed two scenarios, the indict-ment said, one in which Abu Ali "would get close enough to the presi-dent to shoot him on the street" and,

alternatively, "an operation in which

He contended that he was tortured Abu Ali would detonate a car bomb." The White House had no comment on the indictment.

Abu Ali was born in Houston and moved to Falls Church, Va., where he was valedictorian of his high school class. Federal prosecutors say Abu Ali joined an al-Qaida cell in Saudi Arabia in 2001. The alleged Bush plot occurred while he was studying in that country.

A lawsuit brought on his family's behalf in U.S. District Court in Washington seeks to compel the govern ment to disclose what it knows about Abu Ali and his detention.

Abu Ali is charged with six counts and would face a maximum of 80 years in prison if convicted. The charges include conspiracy to provide material support to al-Qaida, providing material support to al-Qaida, conspiracy to provide support to terrorists, providing material support to terrorists and contributing service to al-Qaida.

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Alleged serial rapist

DENVER Investigators could have linked a convicted child molester to a sexual assault using DNA evidence at least two months before he allegedly went on a rape spree, but a computer glitch prevented it, authorities said

Brent Brents, 35, was arrested Friday on suspicion he sexually assaulted at least five women and girls this month in the Denver area. He is also suspected of rap-ing a woman in October, a federal arrest warrant shows. Formal charges have not been filed

Brents' DNA profile is in a state database containing information on 37,000 offenders because he was convicted of raping two children in 1988. Investigators would have been able to identify him had a DNA sample collected from an October rape been entered into the contractor's database

Patient list e-mailed

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -County officials are "99 percent sure" a confidential list of thousands of AIDS patients and people with HIV never got outside their control after it was mistakenly e-mailed to health workers, a

only 10 Palm Beach County
Health Department workers
opened the message — which contained the names of 4,000 AIDS patients and 2,500 people with HIV — and technicians confirmed none were saved, printed, forwarded, or stored, spokesman Tim O'Connor said.

John W. "Jack" Nolan, the coun-

ty's top HIV statistician, accidentally attached the list to a monthly statistics report that was sent by e-mail to 800 employees. Nolan could face disciplinary action, but not prosecution.

Disco floor for sale

NEW YORK — The flashing, colorful Brooklyn dance floor where John Travolta strutted and hustled in "Saturday Night Fever" is set to be auctioned off, said the owner of the nightclub where it was built.

The floor, which was the centerpiece of Bay Ridge's 2001 Odys-sey, was saved by owner Jay Rizzo after it closed last week when it was sold to a real estate investment company.

"Over the years, we've had thousands of people who come here just to see it." said Rizzo. who renamed the club Spectrum in 1987.

Memorabilia collectors are exected to send offers of more than \$80,000 for the floor

From The Associated Press

Bodies of missing pregnant mom, son found

FORT WORTH, Texas — The bodies of a missing pregnant woman and her 7-year-old son were found Tuesday, hours after an ex-boyfriend was arrested and charged with murder, authorities said. Bagel shop owner Lisa Underwood and her son, Jayden, were report-

ed missing after she failed to show up at her baby shower Saturday. A pool of blood was found in her home, but there was no sign of forced entry, police said.

Stephen Barbee, 37, was arrested Monday night. Police Lt. Gene Jones said he didn't know who was the father of Underwood's fetus, but a neighbor of Underwood, Debbie Lindley, said it was Barbee.

Former Gov. Ernest Vandiver dies at 86

 $ATLANTA - Former\ Gov.\ S.\ Ernest\ Vandiver,\ who\ kept\ Georgia\ schools\ open\ during\ the\ early\ days\ of\ desegregation\ despite\ an\ anti-in$ tegration law and his own vow that "no, not one" black child would be

schooled with whites, has died at age 86 after a long illness.

Vandiver, a Democrat who was governor from 1959 to 1963, died at his home in Lavonia on Monday evening, the family said through Gov Sonny Perdue's office. The body will lie in state Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the rotunda of the state Capitol.

Instigator Pamela Smart asks for pardon

BEDFORD HILLS, N.Y. — Pamela Smart, 38, has asked New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch and the Executive Council to pardon her from the life without parole sentence she received after being convicted in 1991 of convincing her teen lover and his friends to murder her hus-

band a year earlier.

The New Hampshire attorney general's office has been collecting opinions on her pardon request from the trial judge, prosecutors, the victim's family and prison officials. The governor and Executive Council will decide whether to hold a hearing.

High court to rule on assisted suicide law

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will hear a challenge to the nation's only assisted suicide law, taking up the Bush administration's appeal to stop doctors from helping terminally ill pa-

Justices will review a lower court ruling that said the U.S. government cannot sanction or hold doctors criminally liable for prescribing overdoses under Oregon's voter-approved Death with Dignity Act. Since 1998, more than 170 people — most with cancer — have used the law to end their lives. Arguments will be heard in the court's next term, beginning in October

Flurry of stays complicate Schiavo feeding-tube case

The Associated Press

DUNEDIN, Fla. - The case of brain-damaged woman remained locked in a legal stalemate Tuesday after an appeals court cleared the way for her husband to remove her feeding tube only to see a judge promptly block the removal for at least another day

The 2nd District Court of Appeal offered no specific instructions in a one-page mandate issued in the case of Terri Schiavo. who was left brain damaged 15 years ago. That meant her husband, Michael Schiavo, could

order his wife's tube be removed. But Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer later issued an emergency stay blocking re-moval of the feeding tube until 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Greer, who has been overseeing the longstanding dispute, scheduled a hearing on the case for Wednesday

Terri Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, had sought the stay in hopes of keeping their daughter alive long enough for them to file additional legal pleadings. They are trying to oust their son-in-law as her guardian and are seeking medical tests which



Terri Schiavo, right, gets a kiss from her mother, Mary Schindler, in an August 2001 image taken from videotape and released by the Schindler family in October 2003 in Pinellas Park, Fla. Schiavo has been in a vegetative state for 13 years following a

might back their assertion that their daughter has some mental capabilities

It would likely take several days for Terri Schiavo to die if the tube is pulled. The appeals court's mandate al-

under previous court rulings in the years-long, highly emotional legal battle.

The court has consistently upheld lower court rulings that Terri Schiavo had expressed wish-es not to be kept alive artificially, although she left no written direc

In October 2003, she went without food or water for six days be-fore Gov. Jeb Bush pushed through a new law letting him order the tube be reinserted. The Florida Supreme Court later struck down his action as unconstitutional.

The courts also sided with Michael Schiavo when he had the tube removed for two days in 2001

George Felos, Michael Schiavo's attorney, did not have any immediate reaction.

Terri Schiavo suffered severe brain damage on Feb. 25, 1990, when a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder caused her heart to stop beating and cut off oxygen to her brain. While she breathes on her own,

she relies on the feeding tube to survive Doctors have ruled she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope for recovery.

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Supporters of VA fee say it's an equality issue

In years past, Bush administration proposals to charge low-priority VA health-care users a \$250 annual enrollment fee and higher co-payments on prescription drugs were declared "dead on arrival" on Capitol Hill. Not this year.

The initiatives, to boost VA revenues by \$424 million, appear have survived a first vigorous round of attacks by veterans' service organizations. Credit — or blame — new, more fiscally-conservative chairmen of the House and Senate veterans' affairs committee and a strategy to paint the

VA enrollment fee as "only fair" given Tricare enrollment fees for retirees.

Both the change in tone by chairmen and the "equity" argument for VA enrollment fees were on display during mid-Feb-

ruary budget hearings.
The Department of Veterans
Affairs budget once again seeks
two cost-sharing increases for VA
health-care users in priority categories 7 and 8, veterans who have
no service-connected disabilities
and incomes above geographic
poverty thresholds set by the federal government.

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Besides paying a \$250 enrollment fee, 2.4 million Priority 7 and 8 enrollees would see co-payments on VA-filled prescriptions rise to \$15, from \$7, for a 30-day supply.

Jim Nicholson, the new secretary of veterans affairs, described the enrollment fee as "similar to the fee legally required of military retirees enrolled in the Tricare system." Given that military retirees must have served at least 20 years, and VA enrollees "as few as two years," Nicholson suggested the VA fee is "more justified."

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, new Senate committee chairman, said, "such proposals have been declared dead on arrival perhaps even before ... analyzed. I do not intend to take that approach." But he conceded the new VA budget is "considerably less friendly then it was during the flush years The cost-saving initiatives drew vehement opposition from veterans' service organizations. But at the House VA committee hearing the next day, new chairman Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., embraced Nicholson's argument

for enrollment fees.

Buyer said co-pays and deductibles are effective tools to "modulate" health service usage. He said he felt no such "pushback" from retiree groups when Congress set Tricare fees.

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"The Aviator"









Best picture nominees not megahits

Academy executives worry about relation between film revenue and audience decline

BY DAVID GERMAIN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - By the numbers, the Academy Awards are roughly 50 percent less relevant than they have been the last five years.

While all five candidates for the ton Oscar have managed respectable ticket sales, they collectively have been seen by fewer moviegoers than any batch of best-picture nominees in 20 years For the first time since the 1997 "Titanic" juggernaut

no blockbuster is in the mix, and it's the first time in 15 years without at least one \$100 million hit among the best-picture contenders going into the Oscars.

By Sunday, a week before the Oscars, the domestic gross should total about \$315 million for "The Aviator," "Million Dollar Baby," "Ray," "Sideways" and "Finding Neverland.'

A year ago, best-picture candidates had grossed \$696 million a week before the Oscars.

This year's five nominees have sold about 51 million tickets, down 50 percent or more from each of the previous five years, when admissions for the best-picture field ranged from 100 million to 118 million. Audiences for the five top Oscar picks have not been

this small since the 1984 awards, when "Amadeus" won best picture.

"Finding Neverland," not shown, was also nominated for best picture

This is not just an exercise in pointless arithmetic. Executives at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences know from experience that a hugely popular film leading the best-nicture race below attract viewers for the Oscar telecast, whose ratings have been in a funk over the last five years.

"We don't have a 'Titanic' or a 'Lord of the Rings' out there. I think it's fair to say it does concern us a bit," said Bruce Davis, the academy's executive director.

The Oscars drew their biggest audience ever when "Titanic" won the 1997 best-picture prize. Going into Oscar night, "Titanic" had grossed nearly a half-billion dollars on its way to a \$600 million domestic haul and \$1.8 billion worldwide payday.

A year ago, the largest audience in four years tuned in to see the academy crown \$377 million sensation "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" as best picture.

"Eveballs staring at the movie screen translates to eveballs staring at the TV screen." said Paul Dergarabedian. president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Edging toward \$90 million, "The Aviator" leads this year's roster, followed by "Ray," which topped out at about \$75 million and is now on home video. "Million Dollar Baby," "Sideways" and Fine \$45 million to \$55 million range "Sideways" and "Finding Neverland" are in the

The last three years, there has been a "Lord of the Rings" megahit competing. Other past blockbuster contenders included "Gladiator," "The Sixth Sense," "Saving Private Ryan," "Forrest Gump" and "Ghost."

This is an unusual year in that there's not a blockbuster in the mix," said Steve Gilula, head of distribution for Fox Searchlight, which released "Sideways."

The big hits of 2004 included "Shrek 2," "Spider-Man 2" and "The Incredibles," but they were lighter flicks that never drew much best-picture buzz. And liberal-minded Hollywood did not give serious best-picture consideration to the religious blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ."

The Oscars, though, are not necessarily a place for popu-

The Oscars, though, are not necessarily a prace for program as entiment, often singling out small films such as this year's "Vera Drake" or "Being Julia" for key nominations. "I have never equated the Academy Awards with how much money a movie takes in, "said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, which released "Ray." "That's distribution for Universal, which released "Ray. the People's Choice Awards. This is not about the public. This is about the industry bestowing its awards on what they think are the best films of the year.

The studios behind the top nominees this time say the lineup is a victory for artistic merit.

"I think it's a tribute to members of the academy," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released "Million Dollar Baby." "They vote with their hearts, not looking at the box office."

Actress sees dead roles

Brenda Strong, who plays the deceased Mary Alice Young on ABC's "Desperate Housewives," has a long history of playing

According to TV Guide's Feb. 20 issue, Strong has been

dead. "I must have Haley Joel Osment as my agent, because he only sees dead parts," joked Strong from Radnor, Pa., referring to the actor whose character in "The Sixth Sense" is able to see the dead.

"Desperate Housewives Strong's character has shot herself to death but she still watches over the women of the upscale suburb and narrates their activities



in several movies and nearly 100 TV appearances. They included roles playing a dominatrix killed by a machine gun and a character cut in half by the door of a spaceship.

Aerosmith singer splits with wife

Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler and his wife of 17 vears. Teresa, are separating, the singer announced Sunday from Los Angeles. Tyler, 56, asked the public to re-

spect his family's privacy in a stateent released through the band's publicist, Mitch Schneider. "Before the tabloid media makes

more of this than it is, I am announcing that my wife Teresa and Lare currently separated," Tyler said. The cou-



ple have two teenage children, Chelsea, 16, and Taj, 13. Tyler is also the father of model Mia Tyler, 26, from a previous marriage, and the actress Liv Tyler, 27, from a previous relationship.

Civil rights leader honored

The celebration of George Washington's birthday is also a day to honor the late civil rights leader Daisy Bates.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee signed legislation during Black History Month four years ago, making the third Monday in February a state holiday in her honor. Bates served as adviser to nine black high school stu-

dents - now known as the Little Rock Nine - who broke the color barrier at Little Rock's Central High in 1957. Her home, where the students often met with her to strengthen their resolve, is designated a National Historic

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Can't slow down

I was recalled to active duty in December and am now in Iraq.

Having just finished reading the Feb. 17 article on the call to arms of older sol-diers/Marines ("Retired veterans saving 'ves' to return to service." Okinawa edition; "Older soldiers say 'yes' when called to arms," Japan and Korea editions), I must correct what certainly must have been a typographical error in the article.

When I read that "[r]etirees may be somewhat slower than their younger counterparts," I had to laugh.

Having just finished more than 60 days of working 18-20 hours per day, seven days per week and having run three miles last night in 23:30, I can only presume that the writer meant to say that "active-duty personnel may be somewhat slower than

Seriously, as a former retiree, I am honored to be able to serve. Slow or not. Semper Fi!

> Col. Frank Ryan Baghdad

Families deserve medal

The daily thought of America's national

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interests being breached is a war within the mind of every soldier. We've now involved our families into

that same concept: terrorism, which, in simple terms, means not knowing where the enemy lies. Therefore, we ought to be thankful we have a versatile military and a family that supports us.

Soldiers who work the "9-to-5 pace" per-haps already dealt with the close blows of mortar fire. No one really knows where our soldiers have been, how they're dealing with where they are, and where

they're going.

So, before people make an assumption in reference to medals, they should get to know some of the soldiers who protected America long before some current servicemembers even decided to join. They may find that many of them were in combat before working in the mess hall on Camp New York, Kuwait, or before answering the telephone in the command cell on Camp Victory

Many soldiers who go to the less-dangerous jobs, as we so loosely refer to them, have come from the more-dangerous jobs. I'm not sure about you, but my greatest fear, while I now sit at a desk, is that another episode of Sept. 11 or anything similar does not occur while I'm completing my

tour of duty miles from my family.

Who really deserves the medal? Everybody, but especially the family who supports those who signed the dotted line.

Maj. Yvette Lanerose Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

All parents suffer from teen breakout

BY SANDY BANKS Los Angeles Times

t's easy to agree that 13-year-old Devin Brown should not have been riding around South-Central Los Angeles in a stolen car at 4 a.m. on the Sunday morning he was shot to death by police.

It's easy to blame his family, and that's exactly what people are doing in letters to editors, calls to talk shows and conversations over vanilla lattes. "What kind of mother lets her kid run the streets in the middle of the night?" goes the radio talk show refrain. As if a 13-year-old asks Mom for permission before he slips out to steal a car. We might feel better if it were that simple, if we could hold that neglectful mother to account for her young son's tragedy. That would let "good" parents off the hook, allow us to look in the mirror and say, "Not me."

But how much control, really, does any parent have over a reckless, willful, impetuous teen?

Ask former LAPD Chief Darvl Gates. whose son has spent his adult life cycling in and out of jail for drug-related crimes that began when he was a teenager. Or former Orange County Assistant Sheriff Don Haidl. whose son is now on trial for participating in an alleged gang rape when he was 16.

The truth is that teenagers are intrinsically unruly, often unpredictable and uncharacteristically devious when they need to be Even the best occasionally veer off course. Most ultimately right themselves without

And rebellious, destructive behavior isn't only the province of broken families and inner-city teens. The graffiti that recently appeared on bus benches and trash bins near my home in Northridge was not the handiwork of gang members motoring up from Compton but bored, belligerent teenage boys from a nearby gated community. Where were the parents? Probably in bed. The only way to control some kids is for Mom and Dad to go without sleep. Ask Bernard Melekian, the Pasadena po-

lice chief. He has three sons, now adults, "As a dad, I was very involved," he says. "Went everywhere with them, did everything, talked to them about values. They did everything a parent would want ... went to college, turned out great." But listening to them reminisce about high school, he learned things he still finds hard to believe.

As teens, they'd sneak out after Dad went to sleep, go party-hopping, run the streets with friends, congregate in a nearby canyon and drink. "The things I didn't know," he says now, "are mind-boggling to me." Their misbehavior was no more or less

the full measure of their character than young Devin's tragic escapade provides his full rendering. That night was merely one snapshot of his young life - proof of a boy's dumb choice and its dangerous risk. If the night had ended differently, who knows what might have happened to him? Perhaps, like many of us, he would have changed course in time, gained wisdom with maturity. That night would have become a vivid, regrettable, cautionary tale, resurrected to

shock his mom or warn his own wayward offspring. Instead, we pull back on the lens and see only the sad scenes and ex post facto plot line that accrues to a tragedy — a confused boy whose dad had recently died; an exhausted mom, now working two jobs; a neighborhood full of rudderless kids.

Maybe Devin had the makings of a heartless gangbanger, or maybe he was just a mischievous boy who would have grown up to be a responsible man. Either way, do not make the mistake of assuming it was solely his parent's fault. Devin's neighborhood where violence is part of the background noise, is not as forgiving as mine or Chief Melekian's. And even the most diligent par-ents make mistakes, misjudge their kids, lose children to delinquent friends or dangerous streets.

Control your kids. It's a nice sound bite. aimed in radio talk show lectures at Devin's grieving mom and neighbors: "You're not going to get sympathy from the rest of this city until you learn to control your kids, one show's host said.

Too bad, because Devin's tragic end reflects not so much the failure of one mother as the limitations of parental influence. Who among us can say with certainty our kids don't lie, don't steal, don't cheat? A teen is a work in progress, struggling clumsily to weigh parental expectations against peer-group credibility. So we guide them, lecture them, listen to them, watch them. We need help from our neighbors, pastors, teachers, coaches and even the police. And, ultimately, we hope our kids learn to control themselves

Doonesbury Flashbacks









BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Keeping enemy at bay substitutes for victory

mericans of a certain age will re-call Douglas MacArthur's pithy aphorism: "There is no substitute for victory." The remark captures an essential element of our military tradition. When the United States goes to war, it fights to win, to force the enemy to do our will. To sacrifice our soldiers' lives for anything less - as MacArthur charged was the case in Korea and later unambiguously be came the case in Vietnam - smacks of being somehow un-American.

But among the various official statements being issued to explain events in Iraq, any mention of military victory has become nota ble by its absence. Tacitly - unnoticed even by the war's critics — the Rush administration has all but given up any expectation of defeating the enemy with whom we are engaged

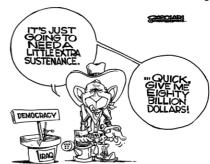
In the early days of the insurgency, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez vowed to use "whatever combat power is necessary to win," displaying all the pugnacity of a George Patton or Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf. "That's what America expects of me," declared Sanchez in December 2003, "and that's what I'm going to accomplish." Senior command-ers no longer make such bold promises. Nor do senior civilian officials in Washington.

Indeed, today the Bush administration's aim is not to win but to relieve itself of responsibility for waging a war that it began but cannot finish. Debate in national security circles focuses not on deploying war-winning technologies or fielding innovative tactics that might turn the tide, but on how we stretched forces suffer irreparable damage

Optimists are placing their hopes on a crash program to create a new Iraqi security force that just might nermit us in a year or so to begin reducing the size of our garrison Pessimists have their doubts. But virtually no one is predicting we will be even remote ly close to crushing the insurgency. The deci-sive victory promised by the war's advocates back in March 2003 — remember all the talk of "shock and awe"? - has now slipped beyond our grasp

Of course, following the heady assault on Baghdad, the conflict took an unexpected turn — precisely as wars throughout history have tended to do. As a consequence, today a low-tech enemy force estimated at about 10.000 fighters has stymied the mightiest military establishment the world has ever seen. To be sure, the adversary cannot defeat us militarily. But neither can we defeat it. In short, U.S. troops today are no longer fighting to win, but simply to buy time: This has become the Bush administration's substitute for victory. Worse, in a war such as in Iraq, time is more likely to work in the other guy's favor

Whether this reality has yet to fully sink in with the majority of the American people is unclear. No doubt President Bush h citizenry will continue to snooze. Better to talk about Social Security reform and banning gav marriage than to call attention to the unhappy fact that we are spending several billion dollars per month and losing, on average, two soldiers per day - not to prevail but simply to prolong the stalemate. Moreover, if the administration gets its way, we



can expect that expenditure of blood and treasure to continue for many months, until there emerges an Iraqi government able to fend for itself or Iraq descends into chaos

Pending the final judgment, this much we can say for sure: Two years after the dash on Baghdad seemingly affirmed the invincibility of the U.S. armed forces, the actual limits of American power now lay exposed for all to see. Our adversaries, real and potential, are no doubt busy contemplating the implications of those limits.

So too must we. Our effort to do so should begin with the admission that the idea, pro-moted during the heady spring of 2003, that through the aggressive use of military power the United States might transform the Islamic world and cement U.S. global pre-eminence was a dangerous delusion. It remains a delusion today.

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Bush right to seek to influence hearts and minds

BY JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Scripps Howard

hile President Rush has sent Congress a budget that keeps the growth of discretionary pro grams below the rate of inflation, he has proposed increasing outlays on public diplomacy by about one-fifth.

That's a smart move, and it shows that something important is changing in the secand term

As Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said last month, "Public diplomacy will be a top priority for me and for the professionals I lead," It's about time

Public diplomacy, or PD, is the promotion of the national interest by informing, engag-ing and influencing people around the world. In the past, with institutions such as Radio Free Europe and the U.S. Information Agency, we had no equal, and PD played a key role in winning the Cold War. No wonder. The United States is home to Hollywood and Madison Avenue, to state-of-the-art mar keting research and political campaigns. We know how to communicate

Of course, policy counts most, and many foreigners simply disagree with our policies in Iraq, on the environment, on trade. But we have a better chance of winning them over if we explain ourselves well - a task that is practically impossible right now. The problem isn't the State Department. It's bigger. Public diplomacy lacks strategic direction, clear goals, a method of assessing whether programs are working, and money

But there's no doubt that Rice understands this and is out to fix it, and the president's current trip to Europe reflects her new emphasis. The road to Brussels was paved, by Rice herself and others, with smooth and effective use of public (as well as official) diplomacy. Even the antagonistic New York Times headlined Sunday, "Opinion Is Softening on Divided Continent.'

but that's nonsense. In addition to long-term projects such as exchange programs for stu-dents and foreign officials, PD can be tough and aggressive and immediate

Imagine, for example, a kind of rapid-response truth squad, which would immediately counter the hundreds of lies and distortions about the United States that appear each day in the world press

In 2003, I served on the Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World, a commission established by Congress and headed by a respected ambassa-dor, Edward Djerejian, who served presi-dents of both parties. What we found was shocking. Among other things, the United States has fewer than a half-dozen Arabic speakers who can debate policy on TV in the Middle East

Public diplomacy played a big role in winning the Cold War but, after the Berlin Wall came down, the magnificent PD apparatus was dismantled, bit by bit, by left and right. During the 1980s and 1990s, staffing dropped by one-third and funding, adjusted for inflation, by one-fourth

"A process of unilateral disarmament in the weapons of advocacy over the last de-cade," said the Djerejian report, "has contributed to widespread hostility toward Americans and left us vulnerable to lethal threats to our interests and our safety

Most of this disarmament occurred during the Clinton administration. But in the first term of George W. Bush, public diplomacy did not receive the attention it de-served. I can forgive the president and his advisers; they were hustling to restore the military readiness that had also been neglected under Clinton, Still, the top PD post in the State Department went unfilled for nearly two years

Now, Bush and Rice have signaled that they are serious about restoring PD to its rightful place in the nation's armamentarition hearings last month, Rice said, "We need to do much more to confront hateful propaganda, dispel dangerous myths and get out the truth. We will increase our ex-changes with the rest of the world. And Americans should make a serious effort to understand other cultures and learn foreign languages. ... If our public diplomacy efforts are to succeed, we cannot close ourselves off from the world."

Even with the proposed increases, public diplomacy remains, as the Djerejian report said. "absurdly and dangerously underfunded ... in this time of peril." But money isn't the whole problem. PD needs, first and fore most, to be taken seriously in the White House as a way to win the war against terror ism and the battle for global democracy and prosperity. The signs, in the first month of the new administration, are hopeful.

es K. Glassman is a fellow at the Americ Enterprise Institute and host of the Web site

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Man shot by police

NEW YORK — Police shot and killed a 38-year-old man after he allegedly pointed a firearm at them, authorities said.

Officers were natrolling the area near Baltic and Bond Streets in the Boerum Hill section of Brooklyn at about 12:10 a.m. recently when an unidentified man began running from

them. When he turned and pointed a gun at the officers, three of the four officers fired at him, striking him in the leg and rupturing an artery

A .380-caliber handgun was recovered at the scene of the shoot-

ing, police said.

The man was taken to Long Island Community Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead, po-

A police spokesman said the shooting appeared to be within department guidelines, but the incident was under investigation The suspect's name was with-held pending family notification.

90-year-old mailman

NE STAPLETON — Rain, sleet and snow have not kept Kermit Paxton from making his six-day-a-week journey to deliver mail. His recent 90th birthday didn't stop him either.

Monday through Saturday, Paxton rises early, gets in his truck and transports mail on the 70-plus mile round trip between Stapleton Arnold and North Platte. He's been doing this for the past 27 years

The retired rancher said there are some drawbacks to the job he otherwise enjoys. Sometimes the mail is very heavy.

Paxton apparently does not fig ure to retire any time soon. His mail delivery contract runs anoth-

Very old parking ticket

MI FLINT — Jack Cramer was rummaging through piles of old stuff recently when he ran across a \$1 parking ticket he re-ceived while he was a college student

Its date: July 26, 1954. "I got a good laugh when I saw it, but then I thought, 'What if they're

still trying to collect this?" Cramer said. Cramer said he called the Flint Police Department's traffic divi-sion to inform it of his find. He

pledged to cover his outstanding debt He mailed the \$1 along with the ticket, no interest included

Gav lawmaker's struggle

VA RICHMOND — Adam Ebbin is fighting to have his voice heard — no small feat during what some consider the most anti-gay legislative session in state history

"People say, 'Isn't it discourag-ing?' ... and I disagree totally," said Ebbin, D-Alexandria. "I know that any time that people are gonna tell lies about gays and lesbians on the House floor, that I can grab my mic and speak — and that's really empowering."
The 2005 session has given

Ebbin plenty to speak out ab The conservative-leaning House of Delegates passed measures that would make it difficult for same-sex couples to adopt chil-

for which we shall one day be ashamed." Ebbin told his colleagues Referee-attack crimes

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dren and would authorize license

plates celebrating "Traditional Marriage." The adoption bill was

later rejected by a Senate commit-

tee and the license plate measure

And despite already having what some legal experts consider

the most restrictive anti-gay law in

the nation, the House and Senate

passed a bill that would write a ban on gay marriage into the state Con-

"Today is one of those moments

withdrawn by its sponsor.

HI HONOLULU — A state Sen-ate committee will hold a hearing on a hill that would make it a felony crime to assault or threaten an athletic referee.

Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee chairwoman Colleen Hanabusa said she decided to hold a hearing after a player tried to tackle a referee at a high school basketball game in Kona.

Advocates say the measure would help in the recruitment and retention of hundreds of Hawaii athletic referees who have become targets of verbal and physical

But some lawmakers said athletic officials are already protected





Tough little heart Jerrick De Leon is looked over by Dr. V. Mohan Reddy at Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. The baby became the world's smallest infant to survive a certain type of open-heart surgery. Reddy switched the aorta and pulmonary arteries in Jerrick's heart, which is no larger than a grape.

along with regular citizens under current

Strip club art

BOISE - A city ID ordinance complete nudity at all gen-tleman's clubs, but one has challenged that ordinance by distributing pencils and sketch pads to patrons during "art night.

The ordinance does give nudity exclusions for artistic displays which include dance, ballet and dramatic performances, so every Monday and Tuesday, the club encourages customers to sketch the models as they perform nude routines

"As far as the Boise city code, it specifies it has to be a serious artistic manner and this is a serious artistic manner," said Chris Teague, Erotic City owner

The club has put on art night for two months, and Teague said he has not received any complaints. Boise Police officials say the club has not been cited for any ordinance violations

Going back to school

MARTINSBURG — Jeffer son County Schools Superintendent Steven Nichols says a re-turn to teaching in a kindergarten classroom similar to one he began his education career in 35 years ago was educational - for him.

Nichols said he was reminded how hard Jefferson County teachers work and how much they accomplish.

The students quickly warmed to their teacher, and asked for hugs about an hour into the school day. A group hug with the students be fore he left was "endearing" and very heartwarming," he said.

Nichols served as a substitute teacher at Page Jackson Elementary School as part of his plan to have county administrators fill in as substitutes

The county has had trouble finding enough substitutes, particularly on Friday mornings. Mondays and the day before a school holiday.

Nichols hasn't taught at the elementary level since 1977, but he said children haven't changed all that much

"Kids at 5 years old are an absolute joy to behold," he said. "They are so excited about learn-

Expanding link to past?

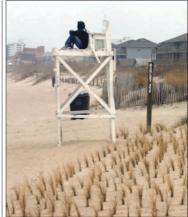
MA LOWELL — The city is exploring whether to revive part of its past by expanding trolley service beyond a 1.2-mile rail line used by tourists visiting Lowell National Historic Park.

A \$572,000 federally funded study is under way on a proposal to link that trolley line with the Gallager Intermodal Terminal.

Options include extending the line to the city's sports attractions, such as Tsongas Arena and Le-Lacheur Ballpark, or to dormitories at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. An extension also could allow residents of new downtown condominiums to use the trolley for shopping at a local supermarket

Depending on the study results, the Federal Transit Administra-tion and National Park Service may split the entire cost.

The Lowell national park began running "historic replica" electric trolleys between several of its attractions in 1984.



Peace and quiet

A visitor sits on top of a lifeguard stand in Carolina Reach, N.C.



Two unidentified women walk by Summer is calling hikini-clad mannequins on display at a clothing store in snowy Madison, Wis.



The image of a curious cat is Big temptation reflected in a backvard pond in Prairie Village, Kan., as he contemplates doing a little fishing.



Torching old enemies

"A Public Tribute to the Heroes of Iwo Jima" event near Fredericksburg, Texas.

Re-enactors portraying Marines at the Battle of Iwo Jima fight the "enemy" at the site of the National Museum of the Pacific War's



How loose is your goose? Lucy, the goose who thinks next to her bovine friends on Linda Williams' farm near Asthon, Ill. The goose lives with cows—sleeping and eating with them in their barryard. "She protects them like they were her kids," a family friend sale.



He shoots, he scores Ryan Belflower, 18, a special education student on the Clovis East Varsity basketball team, is hoisted on his teammates' shoulders in Clovis, Calif. Ryan drained a three-pointer as the final buzzer sounded in a recent game.



A candle to remember the deaths of all U.S. servicements silied in the traq var, during a ceremony outside the Unitarian Church in Baton Rouge, La. Approximately 100 people, including the Veterans for Peace, Vetnam veterans Against War and church members, attended the second annual event.

Warnings via e-mail

BRIDGEPORT—The Connecticut Jewelers Association is working on an e-mail system that would notify store owners of suspicious customers, bad-check writers and other problems

In Fairfield, where Timothy and Kimberly Donnelly were fatally shot in their jewelry store earlier this month, police have set up a meeting with local jewelers to discuss a real-time notification system of potential dangers.

Theater shuts down

NC CHARLOTTE — The city's only full-time professional theater company lowered the curtain for the last time. The Charlotte Repertory Theatre closed after nearly 30 years. It was hurt by a lack of money,

patronage and artistic leadership. Charlotte joins a handful of other metropolitan areas with populations over 1 million without a fully professional regional theater.

Child abuse sentence

PA EASTON — A woman will serve 21 to 43 years in prison for giving away photographs of her husband sexually abusing girls as young as 5 years old.

Brenda Woodginski, 32, of Easton, pleaded guilty in November to 65 counts of sexual abuse of children. She was arrested after giving a box of the photographs to a woman at an Easton laundry. The woman called police.

The photos show Jimmy Woodginski sexually abusing children between 1992 and 1996, authori-

ties said.

He is charged with rape and related offenses but remains in a psychiatric hospital because he was

chiatric hospital because he was deemed incompetent to stand trial.

"The crimes committed here are

the most heinous the court has seen," Northampton County Judge Leonard Zito said before imposing sentence. Brenda Woodginski said she did

Brenda woodginski said sne did nothing to stop her husband because "he threatened to kill me. I was so terrified. I just wish I would have left him long ago."

Brewery doesn't sell

MN ST. PAUL — The future of the old Schmidt brewery is unresolved after a bankruptcy auction ended without a sale and only one bid of \$4 million. The bid was made by a city-backed developer who wanted to build housing and light retail space.

Dave Kreitzer, president of a bankrupt company that owns the 15-acre property, said the bid was too low.

Equal representation

SD PIERRE — Gov. Mike Rounds says he's disappointed that his request to require that an American Indian be on the state parole board was removed from a bill in the Legislature.

The Senate Judiciary Committee removed the language from a bill to expand the board.

About one-fourth of the male inmates and a third of the state's female immates are Indians. Rounds said he'd like lawmakers to restore the language when the bill is considered on the Senate floor.

Sea urchin crop down

CA FORT BRAGG — The sea urchin, for many years Mendocino County's top ocean crop, has seen a steady decline. Sold primarily in Japanese sushi restaurants where they are known as uni, the area's urchins fetched just \$456,000 last year, down from a a high of \$84. million in 1991.

Lesbian to pay support

INDIANAPOLIS — A lesbian who split with her partner after adopting the woman's biological children must pay child support, the Indiana Court of Appeals has ruled.

The woman adopted her partner's children in 1997. A few years after their breakup, she tried to vacate the adoption. Around the same time, the children's biological mother, who had remarried and divorced a man, filed for child support.

A three-judge panel ruled that the woman who adopted the children must contribute to the cost of raising them.

"Whether a parent is a man or a woman, homosexual or heterosexual, or adoptive or biological, in assuming that role, a person also assumes certain responsibilities, obligations, and duties," Judge John G. Baker wrote in a 22-page ruling.

"That person may not simply choose to shed the parental mantle because it becomes inconvenient ... or becomes burdensome because of a deterioration in the relationship with the children's other parent." The decision said.

The cost of immigrants

D CALDWELL — Canyon County commissioner Robert Vasquez said he'll create an organization to focus on costs counties incur from undocumented inmigrants. Vasquez said he's lost trust in the Legislature to address indigent health care and other costs for unlawful immigrants. Last year, Vasquez tried to bill

the Mexican government \$2 million for reimbursement of jail and medical treatment costs he claimed the county paid for Mexican citizens.

Feeding the inmates

SHELDON — John Champagne has a regular lunchtime order at The Abbey restaurant where he cooks, but they never show up and ask for a table.

Champagne and other cooks at the Sheldon restaurant each day prepare lunch and dinner for inmates at the Franklin County Jail in St. Albans. There, men from around the globe are held on immigration violations.

"I usually give 'em a pretty good meal," Champagne said.

"I usually give 'em what I would serve here for lunch. I don't skimp."

Champagne can tell a little about the men — up to 20 on any day through their orders.

No peanuts or tomatoes in a meal request usually signals allergies. No pork, chicken or meat often means an inmate has religious restrictions on his diet. Champagne packs the meals in tins for the 12-mile trip to the iail.

"I might have one vegetarian for three or four days," Champagne said, "and then he's gone. Hopefully for the better."

Stories and photos from wire services

J Horoscope

The sun and Uranus brush shoulders at the cosmic coffee shop, and it's "Hello, old friend, do catch me up." You could unexpectedly run into an old friend of **Holiday Mathis** vour own - or an old habit, vivid memory or lost piece of paper. The point is to check in and realize where you came from and how far away you are from

there, mentally or physical-TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(February 24). Your sunny state of mind helps you optimize your experiences this year. Big money springs from an opportunity to use your unique talent in March. If you watch your spending, you'll have enough for a substantial investment in July. Providing for future generations in your family is on your mind and an achievable goal this year,

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Wouldn't it be nice to have a more

ton

fulfilling social life? You certainly deserve it, so put a little effort into this sector of life. Think about who your friends really are and whom you would like to add to the roster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's all out there - and you've got

to go out there to get it. Phone calls bring new work, so start dialing! Even cold calls are better than none at all. There's romantic potential with a Leo or Pisces

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This is no time to be laid back. It seems the aggressive will inherit

the Earth before the meek even have their first cup of coffee. Set the bar high. If you're willing to practice, your talent brings acclaim.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The boundaries of a relationship are being challenged. You want to be loved, not possessed. Don't rush matters of the heart - small steps in the right direction eventually get a relationship to the promised land.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're the cheerleader, the taskmaster and the drill sergeant - whatever persona is needed to get the job

done. Employees, loved ones and the general public respond to your authority. You've definitely got style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Prepare and do your homework

Your willpower is the secret weap on. A sweetheart may use (annoying) antics to get your attention. Call 'em as you see 'em. Singles: Potential partners find your

ambition sexy LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Getting started is half the battle now. If all you do is tackle the first task of a new project, vou've won Show your talent to the right people. The ideal-

ism of a loved one is more helpful than the pessimism of an expert.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Your one-on-one skills are put to use. Establish communication with someone you have admired from a distance. Really, romantic competition is no competition for you. Taste the good life tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You say "tomato," and your

pal says "tom-ah-to," but stylistic differences are not enough to keep a budding romance from going full speed ahead. In fact, the more different you are, the more attracted

you'll be CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). The way out of the current dilemma is not the same way you came into it. Your own vision is the one to follow. Quietly leave the others to their devices, and get creative. Trust your artistry and inventiveness

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You expect yourself to be brilliant, and coincidentally, so does every-

one else! Luckily, delivering on such expectations is something well within your grasp. At work, don't slack off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

The past tugs at your conscience, and the future tries to seduce you. The challenge is to stay attentive to what is happening now. If you can do this, a workable action plan will come to mind.

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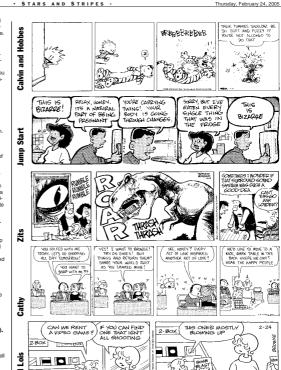
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Thursday, February 24, 2005 · STARS AND STRIPES · YOU'RE LUCKY I CAN'T REACH THE KEYBOARD, OR I'D BE BOMBARDING YOU I AM GLOG MALBLOOD, LEVEL 14 ORC SHAMAN, NOW GO AWAY, HUMAN, OR I'LL BE FORCED TO WIPE THE FLOOR WITH YOU. JASON, TURN OFF THE WARQUEST. IT'S BEDTIME. NOT VERY HEAVY FOR AN ORC, ARE WE, GLOGP JASON YOU STAY AWAY FROM ANY BAR WHERE THE BOUNCERS HAVE TO WEAR BULLET PROOF VESTS 2 24 MILL STILL PROTECTING NOBODY TOUCHES MY LITTLE SISTER WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. SEE SOME Blues Baby 8 Weak, as an I-I'M FALLING!) WAKE UP UNNHH. ONLY YOU CAN SAVE 12 Privv Spider 19 Majestic 26 Pinnacle 41 Nipper's old boss TODAY I GOT A BONUS FOR SELLING STUFF TO A CUSTOMER WHO PROBABLY CAN'T PAY. CONGRATULATIONS; YOU'RE A SOCIOPATH. DOES YOUR SODA TASTE ANY LESS DELICIOUS? NO KINDA GOOD 51 Duel tool YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC SIN YOU ARE **NOT** SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC SINUS HEADACHES! I'D LIKE TO GET A SECOND OPINION DOC 2-24 I BELIEVE HE HACKED UP A SNOWBALL

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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Dear Abby

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Be good influence for son's friend

Dear Abby: My son, "Adam," is 9. He's very bright and earns straight A's in school. Adam gets in trouble now and then for goofing off, but nothing serious

Adam has become friends with a boy in his class named "Sean," who has been in trouble quite often and has even been suspended from school. I happen to know that Sean's parents have drugs in their home and have been in trouble with

the law Although allowing my son to go to Sean's house is out of the question. I have considered permitting Sean to come here and play where I car keep a close eye on him. I can't help but see that Sean is an innocent child who needs a positive influence. Would I be

him over? Or should I discourage this friendship altogether? I'm unsure how to handle this Protective Mom in Illinois

wrong to allow Adam to invite

Dear Mom: You are in a posi tion to make an important difference in that child's life. You could be the influence that turns his life around. The more time Sean spends in your home, the more he will be able to experience what a healthy family is

like. As long as your son's friend follows the rules at your house, I see no reason why he should not be invited over. So be an angel and throw the boy a lifeline.

Dear Abby: 1 moved in with my gentleman friend "Vic-

tor" eight months ago. I have insisted on paying for my room and board even though I was between jobs and money is tight

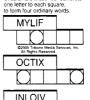
Recently, over my objections, Victor emptied a room of my personal effects to make room for his quests. He has not me in a smaller room, which he also wants to make available to his

"personal effects" I mean my underwear, jewelry, bills and personal papers, etc. There is only one full bathroom in his house, so this room is also where I dress and take care of private matters.

The "guests" are usually Victor's grown sons and their girlfriends. I no longer have warm, fuzzy feelings for this man. Am I being unreasonable or unforgiving? Victor says I don't need to go, but I think it's time I move on. What do you think?

— Unfair in Florida Dear Unfair: By moving your belongings over your objection, Victor has sent you an important message. He may think you don't need to go, but since you no longer have "warm, fuzzy feelings" for him, I agree that you must It's not unreasonable or

unforgiving, it is rational. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate



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suggested by the above cartoon.

Grandma's medical updates too much

Dear Annie: My

89-year-old grandmother has been living with my parents for the past cou-ple of years. Although Grama has some medical problems, she always has been spry and indepen-

My family does not get to visit often, as we live several hours away. The problem is that Mom and Dad send all of the family e-mail which contains too much detail about Grama's bowels, diaper changes, medications, etc.

I don't want to remember Grama from the perspective of a medical caregiver. I think this blabbing takes away from her dignity and that she would be embarrassed and unset knowing her personal information is disseminated in such a fashion

I know my parents are avid readers of yours. I hope they will read this and mend their ways.

— Grossed-Out Grandchild

Dear Grossed-Out: One of the reasons your parents are e-mail-ing this information is because it



support for them. They are sharing their burde with people who love Grama, and who will step in and help if need be. However, they uldn't force it on

Tell your parents that you love Grama and want to know how she's doing, but you cannot handle all the details about her medical

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Indiana," the man who likes to wear pantyhose. Shame on you for insinuating that most men who wear pantyhose are cross-dressers. I used to work at a large hospital, and many of the male nurses, orderlies and some doctors wore stockings under their scrub uniforms for support.

Not only do your legs feel better at the end of a long day on your feet, they also aid in helping to reduce swelling in the feet and ankles and ward off varico veins. I believe NFL star Joe

Namath wore pantyhose during practice and games for the same

I say to "Indiana," if you are more comfortable with them on, it does not matter what anyone else thinks. They are your legs.

— Conservative South Dakotan Dear S.D.: First, let's clear up the Joe Namath myth. He never said he wore pantyhose during games and practices. He appeared in an ad extolling their ability to make your legs look

good We don't give a rat's patoot what you wear under your clothes, and we know there are ome men who wear pantyhose for support. But the reason pantyhose reduce swelling is because they are binding. Standard nylon pantyhose are not something a woman wears for comfort, but if you like them, gei gezundter heyt (go in good health)

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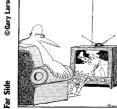


"Mommy uses one of those, too under her shoulder.

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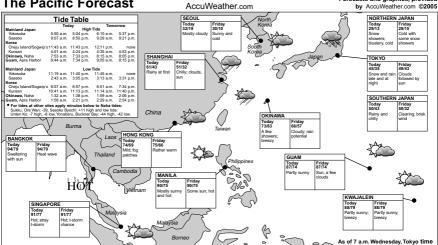
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Saturday: Partly sunny, high 65, low 53. Sunday: Rain high 63 low 57

SEOUL

Saturday: Sunny, high 29, low 15. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 31, low 18

MANILA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 75. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 75.

HAGATNA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 76. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 74.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
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Amarillo	65/34	Little Rock	65/42
Anchorage	34/31	Louisville	50/29
Asheville	65/37	Miami	81/65
Baltimore	48/32	Milwaukee	33/18
Birmingham	75/47	Nashville	59/34
Bismarck	34/11	New York	42/32
Boise	50/30	Omaha	44/24
Boston	32/28	Orlando	83/62
Brownsville	82/68	Philadelphia	43/32
Buffalo	34/20	Phoenix	66/52
Burlington	33/17	Pittsburgh	39/26
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Charlotte	71/44	Portland, ME	30/24
Cleveland	36/23	Salt Lake City	51/30
Columbus, OH	42/24	St. Louis	49/27
Duluth	25/8	San Antonio	77/64
El Paso	69/42	San Diego	64/55
Hartford	40/26	San Juan	81/70
Helena	43/14	Tampa	79/62
Indianapolis	44/23	Tulsa	60/38
Jacksonville	78/54	Washington, D	C 50/34
Kansas City	44/26	Wichita	48/33



Thursday, February 24

U.S. Extended Forecast

Wet weather will be found in Texas and across much of the Deep South Thursday. The Florida Panhandle will have a few showers and thunderstorms. Rain and snow will make it as far north as West Virginia and northern Virginia. An upper-level storm system will cause more unsettled weather in parts of the Southwest. Southern California will not experience as much shower activity as recent days. In the Northwest, sunshine will be abundant and temperatures will be rather mild. It will be brisk and cold with flurries in the Midwest and Great Lakes. The Northeast will be dry with some sunshine. On Friday and Saturday, colder-than-average temperatures will continue to be the rule in New England and the Great Lakes.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

Thursday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	32/12	Kadena AB	73/63	Sapporo	29/13	Athens	60/46	Buenos Aires	90/68	Kiev	27/18	New Delhi	71/45
Camp Casey	31/17	Kunsan AB	42/30	Seoul	32/19	Auckland	69/57	Cairo	76/49	Kuwait	73/55	Oslo	15/9
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Hagatna	87/74	Misawa AB	32/17	Sydney	86/68	Barcelona	47/38	Geneva	30/22	Mexico City	70/46	Rome	48/37
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Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-3, 6-4. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Vladimir Voltchkov, Belarus, 6-2, 6-2. Andre Agassi (6), United States, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-5. Tomas Bertych, Czech Republic, def. Karol Beck, Slovalás, 6-4, 7-6 (4), Rainer Schuettler, Germany, def. Younes Al Avnaoui, Morocco, 6-0, 6-1

Oatar Open

Monday At The Khalifa Tennis Centre Doha, Qatar Purse: \$600,000 (Tier II) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles

Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Singles Singles Hard Singles January 15, 1-6 (1) January 15, 1-6 (1) Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, def. Maria Vento-Kab-Francesos Schlausses Francesca Schlavone, Italy, def. Silvia Farina Elia (7), Italy, 6-1, 6-3.

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Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL American League CLEVELAND INDIANS—Purchased the con-ract of OF Juan Gonzalez from Buffalo of the

IL. Placed LHP Jason Stanford on the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with LHP Cliff Bartosh RHP Rafael Betancourt, RHP Jake Dittler, Of Nevear contracts.

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oods. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms ith THP Robby Seav on a one-year conract. **TEXAS RANGERS**—Agreed to terms with HP Jeff Zimmerman on a minor league con-

ract. National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with
HP Brandon Backe, RHP Jared Gothreaux,
HHP Chad Qualis and OF Charlton Jimerson
on one-year contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms
with OF Dave Krynzel on a one-year con-

tract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with OF Alex Escobar and RHP Francis

terms with OF Alex Escobar and RHP Francis Beltran on one-year contracts, and with INF Carlos Baerga on a minor league contract. National SASKTEBAL sociation LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed G Mau-rice Baker to a 10-day contract. Placed G Shaun Livingston on the injured list. FOOTBALL.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOUS COLTS—Signed T Ryan
Diem to a seven-year contract
TENNESSEE TITANS—Released WR Derrick
Mason, CB Samari Rolle, DL Kevin Carter, T
red Miller, FB Robert Holcombe and PK Joe edney. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed RB

ohn Simon.

COLLEGE

NCAA—Named Bob Williams managing diector of media and public relations.

DARTMOUTH—Named Angle Hind women's soccer coach.
HOLY CROSS—Named All Hawk assistant
leid hockey coach. field hockey coach.

NEBRASKA—Announced sophomore DT
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for personal reasons NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Named Stove

uniap defensive coordinator. NORTHERN IOWA-Dismissed RB Hakim ill from the football team after being arrest-d following an altercation with police on ed following an altercation with poince and Feb. 20. SCRANTON—Named Bill Burke men's cross

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Speculation surrounds NBA trade deadline

From Timberwolves to Webber, teams look for quick shake-ups

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

DENVER - In the hours before the All-Star Game, Kevin Garnett wondered how the Minnesota Timberwolves might regain the lofty status they recently lost.

If it takes a trade of Wally Szczerbiak, Sam Cassell or Latrell Sprewell before Thursday's 3 p.m. EST deadline, it'll probably come as a surprise to the league's reign-

Or so he says

"As of lately, I haven't been in the loop on anything, so I don't know what we're doing, what kind of transactions we're mak-ing," Garnett said Sunday. "As far as the loop. I don't know where it's at

The All-Star break ended Monday, and the league's 24 best players headed this way and that from a city that pulled off the league's showcase weekend without a hitch and now will focus its attention on the troubles of the struggling Nuggets.

Denver made the playoffs last season after an eight-year absence, but the Nug-gets' current record (24-29) has left them the 10th-best record. Only eight teams qualify for the postseason.

By comparison, though, the Timberwolves' situation is worse.

After reaching the Western Conference

finals last season with the NBA's second-best record (58-24), Minnesota enters the unofficial second half of the season as a .500 team with serious chemistry issues that many believe can only be resolved with a roster shake-up.

"Chemistry is something that's hard. I love all the guys on my team, they're all good guys, guys that really care about one



Minnesota Timberwolves forward Latrell Sprewell, right, and guard Sam Cassell are at the top of the trade list after grabbing headlines in the offseason for griping about their contracts. Neither has played at the level they did during last year's record winning season.

another, guys that have real, real, real, real work ethics," Garnett said, "And as a unit, we know we can come together and turn this thing around, so whether they're going to make moves or not it's not going to be dependent on what Kevin Garnett thinks."

Along with the Timberwolves, the Sacramento Kings, Toronto Raptors, Indiana Pacers, Memphis Grizzlies, Portland Trail Blazers, Boston Celtics, New York Knicks and Los Angeles Lakers are the favorites to make something happen before the league's trading deadline passes Thursday

Sacramento's Chris Webber, New York's Kurt Thomas, Toronto's Jalen Rose and Donvell Marshall, Indiana's suspended Ron Artest, Memphis' Bonzi Wells, Portland's Damon Stoudamire, Nick Van Exel and Ruben Patterson, Miami's Eddie Jones and the Lakers' Lamar Odom were among the names being bandied about in trade rumors over the weekend.

"I think every year there's so much spec-ulation, but we always say nobody wants to pull that trigger," Seattle's Ray Allen said

"It might be that some 10th to 12th players are moved around, some draft picks, But nothing really significant ever hap-

Allen seemed to be forgetting a big piece of his own recent past, the deadline-day

kee two years ago.

Allen was caught completely off-guard when the Bucks shipped him to Seattle for Gary Payton and Desmond Mason, and chances are someone will be in a similar situation before the opportunity to make deals expires.

Many believe this is a different season than the NBA has experienced for the past decade, the race for the championship more wide open than 99 percent of the league's player population has ever seen.

"Everybody says San Antonio is the team to beat, and definitely they've earned that and have the right to say that," Phoenix's Shawn Marion said. "We have to prove we can beat them and play with them

Phoenix (41-13) comes out of the break just a half-game behind San Antonio (41-12) for the league's best record.

Miami (40-14), Seattle (35-15), Dallas (35-16), the defending champion Pistons (32-19) and Sacramento (33-20) are right on their heels, and Cleveland (30-21), Washington (30-22) and Houston (32-21) are the league's upstarts.

One sportswriter who had a five-hour lavover in Las Vegas on his way to Denver noticed that the Rockets were listed as 30-1 to win the title.

That fact was relayed Sunday to Tracy McGrady, who was immediately taken aback given his team's eight-game winning

'Whoa. Really? I think we've shown over the past month that we're a team not to be taken lightly," McGrady said. "Maybe they think our time is not now since it's our first year together, myself and Yao (Ming), but eel that way. We did get off to a bad start and dug ourselves a big hole, but if they watched over the past month they'd realize we're one of the elite teams in this league now." The problem, as Garnett can attest, is

that elite team status is fleeting in today's

Time is running out for teams to do some thing about it before the trading deadline.

Seahawks sign Hasselbeck, tag Alexander

KIRKLAND, Wash. - The Seattle Seahawks signed quarterback Matt Hasselbeck to a six-year deal and designated running

back Shaun Alexander their franchise player Tuesday, ensuring that their three top offensive players are under their control. In addition, general man-

ager Bob Ferguson resigned as part of an executive house-cleaning.

The contract was set Sunday night, and Hasselbeck signed the \$49.4 million deal — including a \$16 million signing bonus and incentives

at team headquarters Tuesday Hasselbeck will make \$28.25 in the first three years of the contract

'We weren't going to let Matt go," said Seahawks CEO Tod Leiweke. "This guy had to come back for us to be effective.

The franchise designation for Alexander, who came within 1 yard of the NFL rushing title last season, prevents him from becoming a free agent, grants him a one-year contract worth about \$6.3 million and gives the team until March 16 to try to reach a long-term deal Last week, the Seahawks signed All-Pro offensive tackle Walter Jones to a seven-year,

52.5 million deal. A Pro Bowl selection in 2003. Hasselbeck battled injuries in 2004 and his numbers suffered He threw for 3,382 yards and 22 touchdowns, down from 3,841 yards and 26 TDs in 2003 Alexander rushed for a team record 1.696

yards and 20 TDs. Owner Paul Allen fired Bob Whitsitt, the

team's president of football operations, last month, saying he wanted to bring in someone with a deep football background. Seahawks vice president Ted Thompson was hired to be Green Bay's general manager that same day.

Ferguson said Tuesday he was leaving, too 'As the Seahawks transition to new football leadership I have decided it is also the right time for me to leave the organization," Ferguson said in a written statement, adding that he would stay on the job through the April draft.

Former Dolphins punter Roby dies at 43

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Former punter Reggie Roby, a 16-year NFL veteran and three-time Pro Bowl selection, died Tuesday after being found unconscious at home by his wife He was 43

Melissa Roby found her husband with no pulse. Paramedics tried to resuscitate him at home and in the ambulance, but he was pronounced dead in the emergency room at St Thomas Hospital, according to a statement released by the family

The cause of death is unknown, the state-

Roby was a sixth-round pick in 1983 out of Iowa by the Miami Dolphins, and played for them from 1983-92. He also played for the Washington Redskins, Tampa Bay Bucca-neers, Houston/Tennessee Oilers and San Fran-

cisco 49ers, wrapping up his career in 1999.

He led the AFC in 1991 with an average punt of 45.7 yards, and he holds the Pro Bowl record with 10 punts in the 1985 game. 'He was an outstanding punter for us and

his booming kicks often helped us win the field-position battle," Don Shula, who coached

Roby, said in a statement released by the Dolphins. "Often on walkthroughs in domed stadiums the day before the game, he always would try to hit to top of the dome with a punt. He sometimes succeeded, which illustrates just how strong a leg he had. Reggie helped define the position.

Colts OT Diem signs seven-year contract

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts signed right tackle Ryan Diem to a seven-year contract Monday, another step in keeping their offense together for another season. The next move could come Tuesday, with

the Colts expected to place the franchise designation on running back Edgerrin James. Diem's deal prevented him from becoming an unrestricted free agent in March. Salary figures were not immediately available, but

the salary-cap friendly deal was believed to in clude a signing bonus of about \$12 million. "This is the best of all worlds," Dies agent Cliff Brady said. "He got the team he wanted the deal he wanted

The biggest question left on offense is James, who has not spoken with the Indianap olis media since the Colts' 20-3 second-round playoff loss at New England.

Bears release veteran OB Quinn

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - The Chicago Bears released Jonathan Quinn on Tuesday, cutting the quarterback after three ineffective starts

Quinn, who became a starter after Rex Grossman suffered a season-ending knee inju ry in the third game of the season, was 51 of 98 for 413 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions in five appearances.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

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Western Conference

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iolden State 15 38 .283 Sunday's game East All-Stars 125, West All-Stars 115 Monday's games No games scheduled Tuesday's games

Indiana at Orlando Milwaukee at Charlotte New York at Detroit Toronto at New Jersey Miami at Chicago Seattle at Houston Atlanta at Sacramento Boston at L.A. Lakers

Golden: Victory over Soviets shocked world

Kasatonov, Sergei Starikov, Helmut Balderis and Sergei Makarov.

The week before they headed for the Olympics the young Americans ended a grueling exhibition schedule with a game against the Soviets at Madison Square Garden. They seemed in awe, applauding the Soviets during the introductions.

"We were not ready," Eruzione said. "We stood around and watched in the first period, then played a little in the second and third

The result was a 10-3 rout by the Soviets

"We were setting them up," Eruzione chuckled Brooks drove his team relentlessly through their training and exhibition season. The drills were exhausting, and so were the homilies that the coach preached over and over to his players: ■ "Gentlemen, you don't have enough talent to

win on talent alone. ■ "You can't be common, because the common

man goes nowhere. You have to be uncommon. ■ "Let's be idealistic, but let's also be practical."

And on and on. The players mimicked the dour Brooks behind his back. They called themselves Big Doolies, a phrase they made up to mean they were hot stuff, even if

they weren't. It was their own little joke. And then they went out and played an even bigger one on the rest of the world.

When the Olympic tournament began, the last thing the Americans were thinking about was the So.

'They were in the other division," Eruzione said. "We were worried about Sweden, Czechoslovakia and West Germany, the teams in our division. We thought a bronze medal was possible. Herb said let's get to the final four and then, whatever happens.

The American Olympic odyssey started modestly They salvaged a tie in the opener when they pulled goalie Jim Craig in the last minute of play and defenseman Bill Baker scored with 27 seconds left against Sweden.

"The biggest game of the tournament is us against Sweden," Craig said before the first faceoff.

He had no idea what was still ahead. Energized by the dramatic comeback for the last-minute tie, the Americans defeated Czechoslovakia 7-3. Suddenly, there was a feeling around the Olympics that these kids might be able to accom-

plish something special. 'We wanted to win so bad," forward Mike Ramsey said after the game against the Czechs. "The feeling in the locker room was unbelievable.

The tough part of the preliminary schedule was done. The Americans followed up with wins against Norway and Romania and then rallied from two goals behind to defeat West Germany 4-2. They had made it to the medal round, the tournament's final four. Now, it was time to think about the Soviets.

On Feb. 22, a Friday night, the Americans faced the Soviets in the first medal-round game. Eruzione remembered the electricity in the arena.

"It was a different atmosphere, a different intensity," he said. "There was a feeling of, 'Hey, we can win this thing.

They were probably the only ones in Lake Placid who believed that

Brooks gathered his team before the game and offered one more hockey homily, one more bit of phi-losophy that would become an indelible part of their legacy.

'You were born to be a player," Brooks told them. "You were meant to be here

And then he sent them out to play the game of their lives

"So much is made of confrontations." Eruzione said. "As players, we had no concept of that. We were so focused, it was as if we were playing with blinders on. Herb had us geared to play a hockey game and he kept the outside stuff out of it. We were where we wanted to be — in position for a medal."

The Americans skated furiously against the Soviets. Twice in the first period, they fell behind.



Goalie Jim Craig draped himself with the U.S. flag after the Americans defeated Finland to win gold.

Twice, they came back, tying the score in the last second of the period when Mark Johnson put a rebound past Tretiak.

When the teams took the ice for the second period, Tretiak was gone. The best goalie in the world had been benched, replaced by Vladimir Myshkin, a star in his own right. The Americans shrugged off the switch. "It was like taking out Patrick Roy and putting in Martin Brodeur," Eruzione said

The Americans managed just two shots on goal in the second period. Aleksandr Maltsey had the only goal of the period, and with 20 minutes to play the Soviets led 3-2. Then Team USA got a spark. Johnson's second goal of the game tied it for the

Americans at 8:39 of the third period. Eighty-one seconds later, Eruzione drilled a screened shot past Myshkin and the United States led for the first time. Now it became a test of endurance. The seconds ticked off excruciatingly slowly, each one seeming to last an eternity as Craig held off the frantic Soviets.

Defensemen flopped to block shots. Craig was ac robatic in net. Eruzione kept watching the clock. "It was," he said, "the longest 10 minutes of my life."

As time wound down, the crowd's chants grew louder and louder "U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!" The stands surrounding

the rink became a sea of red, white and blue. This was no longer a hockey game. It was an endurance test, an emotional roller coaster.

Finally, mercifully, it ended. As broadcaster Al Michaels counted down the last seconds, he ended with an exclamation. "Do you believe in miracles?

If they hadn't before, Americans did then.

As time ran out, the U.S. players dashed onto the ice, falling over one another in celebration. Craig, who stopped 36 shots, scanned the stands for his father. Brooks wheeled and headed for the locker room. This was his team's moment. He would not in-

The streets that night in Lake Placid were like one big block party, Americans celebrating a moment few of them thought possible

Two days later, the miracle was completed, the gold medal clinched when the Americans came from behind with three third-period goals to defeat Finland 4-2

When it was over, Eruzione stood on the medal platform to accept the gold and gestured to his teammates. Soon they were all up there, grinning, laugh ing, pounding each other on the back, the Big Doolies celebrating what they had accomplished.

Baker, the defenseman who saved the Americans in the tournament opener, is now a dentist. He reflected on what he and the others did 25 years ago.
"This was just a team of destiny," he said. "You

just can't explain what happened. It just seemed things were supposed to happen that way."

Rain postpones start of Match Play tourney

BY DOUG FERGUSON

CARLSBAD, Calif. - This is shaping up as the Wet Coast

First, heavy rain at Riviera led to the first 36-hole event on the PGA Tour in nine years. On Tuesday, officials delayed the start of the Match Play Championship by a day to give La Costa Resort a chance to drain.

The first round of 18-hole matches has been pushed back to Thursday, followed by two rounds each day through Saturday and the 36-hole final match Sunday.

"Whatever day we start, I'll be ready to go," two-time defending champion Tiger Woods said.

It was the latest twist in the West Coast Swing on the PGA Tour, which already has featured a fog delay at Torrey Pines, a wind delay in Phoenix and a total washout Saturday in the Nissan Onen which eventually led to the tournament being cut short to 36 holes

when more rain fell Monday The rearranged schedule in the Accenture Match Play Championship should be nothing new for

He barely got through the first ound last year against John Rollins, then the second day of matches was postponed because of rain that had water sprawling out of the banks in ponds and creeks.

Woods and Davis Love III had to play two matches Friday and Saturday, then the 36-hole final which Woods won, 3 and 2.

"If you get all the way to the fi-nals, it's a physical grind," Woods said Tuesday morning, before the announcement that the first round had been delayed. "Match play is an emotional roller coaster, because of the momentum switches that can happen in one hole, two holes.

Unlike the NCAA basketball tournament, there is no such thing as an upset at La Costa.

Last year was the first time in the six-year history of this World Golf Championship event that Match Play Championship

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two of the top-four seeds made it to the last match

Jeff Maggert won the first year as the No. 24 seed, followed by Darren Clarke (No. 19), Steve Stricker (No. 55) and Kevin Sutherland (No. 62). Woods won the past two years as the top seed, although he starts this time at No. 2.

Vijay Singh is the No. 1 seed and will play Shingo Katayama of

"He's a good player. I don't know how he's playing coming into this event, but I have to treat him very strong," Singh said. "I'm going to go out and see if I can play my game and play the best I can and see if I can finish it off."

Ernie Els, No. 3 in the world, is the only player who elected not to

The Big Easy has never liked La Costa, and his results explain why. He has never advanced out of the second round on this soggy, San Diego County course, and de-cided he was better off staying home in South Africa than flying halfway around the world to play as few as 18 holes.

The seeding was determined by the world ranking from a week

Woods plays Nick Price, while third-seeded Phil Mickelson faces Loren Roberts and fourth-seeded Retief Goosen opens against Stephen Leaney.

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first 19 points in rout of BYU

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. - For more than 101/2 strange and painful minutes, the string of futility played out. Lavups, three-pointers, free throws -Brigham Young couldn't get anything to

The result was a 19-0 deficit on the way to a 70-39 loss to Air Force on Monday night, an unmistakable low point to a seaon that has been full of them for the strug-

gling Cougars. Antoine Hood scored 14 points to help the Falcons (16-10, 7-4 Mountain West) recover in a big way, two days after they had their 24-game home winning streak snapped by Utah.

The Cougars (9-18, 3-9) are from the same state as the 12th-ranked Utes, but that's pretty much all those teams have in common this season.

Fielding a young lineup missing two regulars, coach Steve Cleveland tried almost every combination during the scoreless string, which lasted 10 minutes, 40 seconds, to be exact.

Substitutes came in, then sat back down. Two media timeouts passed, along with two more called by BYU.

About midway through the drought, Brock Reichner picked up the ball around midcourt and had an unimpeded path to the basket. Air Force's Caleb Buchanan caught up, though, and blocked the shot, marking BYU's ninth straight miss to start the game

By the time they finally scored, the Cougars had attempted 10 shots, had four of them blocked, gone 0-for-2 from the free-throw line, committed four turnovers and had the ball stolen three times.

It was Austin Ainge - the son of former Cougars star Danny Ainge - who put a merciful end to the ugliness, hitting a shot from three feet behind the top of the three-point arc to make the score 19-3.

More than six minutes later, with the crowd at Clune Arena shouting "double digits," Chris Miles finally got the Cougars there by making a layup.

By halftime, it was 37-13. The 13 points

were the least Air Force had ever allowed in a half in conference play, and surpassed BYU's all-time record for scoring futility in a half (1980 and 1982 against Wyoming - before the shot-clock came to college hoops) by just one point

Air Force nets Sooners send Jayhawks skidding

NORMAN, Okla. - After nearly coming all the way back from a 19-point deficit, the Kansas Jayhawks just couldn't prevent another frustrating loss.

Terrell Everett scored 19 points and freshman David Godbold added a reer-high 15 in No. 22 Oklahoma's 71-63 victory Monday night that sent the eighth-ranked Jayhawks to their first three-game losing streak in nearly 11

Kansas, which lost to Texas Tech in double overtime and Iowa State in overtime

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last week, has lost three straight for the first time since falling to Oklahoma State, Mis souri and Nebraska from Feb. 16-23, 1994. The Jayhawks haven't

lost four in a row since an eight-game losing streak in 1988-89

"I think we're a tough team," freshman guard J.R. Giddens said. "We're just going through some things right now like a lot of teams do. I wouldn't say our season's over

"We're not done. The Javhawks are not

Kansas rallied from 19 points down in the first half to get within a point midway through the second half, but the Sooners (20-6, 9-4 Big 12) held on to drop the Jayhawks (20-4, 10-3) out of a first-place tie

with Oklahoma State in the Big 12 After trailing 37-18 with 1:10 left in the first half the Jayhawks scored the last four points before intermission and the first

five of the second half. Struggling against Oklahoma's man-to-man defense, the Jayhawks found something that worked.

"Kansas in the second half kind of scrapped their offense," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "They didn't have any offense in the second half. They just put their head down and went to the rim."

The Jayhawks used an 11-2 rally, capped by Giddens' three-pointer off a pass from Wayne Simien, to pull to 47-46. Aaron Miles started the run with four straight free throws, and Giddens and Simien followed with jumpers.

But once the Javhawks got close, the Sooners switched to a zone and stymied Kansas' hopes for its biggest comeback win of the season.

Oklahoma scored six straight points to stretch the lead to 60-52, with Godbold grabbing a rebound and hitting a jumper in the lane with 2:33 left.



ma guard Terrell Everett, left, shoots while being fouled by Kansas forward Wayne Simien in the second half. Everett had a game-high 19 points in the Sooners' victory.

The Jayhawks got within four on several occasions after that, but Drew Lavender hit all four of his free throws and Everett added two more to secure the victory.

Simien finished with 17 points and six rebounds, Keith Langford scored 16 points and Miles added 12 for Kansas

New Mexico 65. No. 13 Utah 54: Mark Walters scored a season-high 22 points to help New Mexico snap visiting Utah's 18-game winning streak

The Utes (23-4, 11-1), who clinched the Mountain West regular-season title Satur-day, shot just 37 percent. Utah center Andrew Bogut, averaging 20.6 points and 11.8 rebounds, finished with 15 points and 13 re-

The Lobos (20-6, 7-4) are 6-1 in their past seven games.

No. 17 Connecticut 88. Notre Dame 74: At Hartford, Conn., Charlie Villanueva matched his career high with 25 points, and Connecticut point guard Marcus Williams had 17 points, 12 assists and nine rehounds The Huskies (18-6, 10-3 Big East) won

for the sixth time in seven games to move Jim Calhoun within two victories of becoming the sixth active coach with 700

Colin Falls led Notre Dame (16-8, 8-6) with 19 points.

Connecticut's Rashad Anderson, who averaged 13.8 points a game before being sidelined by a serious leg infection, was released from the hospital Monday and rejoined his teammates. He sat on the bench in street clothes, and there is no set date for his return

No. 25 Nevada 70, Tulsa 56: Nick Fazekas had 15 points and 15 rebounds to help Nevada win its first home game as a ranked team.

Jermaine Washington added 13 points for the Wolf Pack (21-5, 13-2 Western Athletic Conference), who moved into The Associated Press poll earlier Monday

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Damon, Ortiz lighten mood; Giambi reports

The Associated Press

Johnny Damon and David Ortiz reported to the Boston Red Sox's training camp and took a more lighthearted approach to bashing Alex Rodriguez.

Damon had dubbed his own teammates a bunch of "idiots" last season and, on Monday in Fort Myers, Fla., rattled off one-liners.

One was about Rodriguez's early morning training regimen.

"Waking up 6 in the



"Waking up 6 in the morning?" Damon said after his late-afternoon arrival. "There's been many a nights where I haven't been to bed at 6 in the morning."

Ortiz, another Red Sox clubhouse clown, was too busy to pay attention to all the negative comments made about the New York Yankees' third baseman.

"I only have one tape at home, the Red Sox one," Ortiz said about Boston's championship season video. "I watch it over and over and over and I don't even know what's going on here."

Even Trot Nixon, who criticized Rodriguez for boasting about his workouts, said he was "being stupid and flying off at the mouth" when he made them Feb. 15. Still, he stood by his criticism.

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At Tampa, Fla., Jason Giambi made his first appearance at the Yankees' complex and expressed empathy for A-Rod.

"He's definitely got it rough." Giambi

"He's definitely got it rough," Glambi said. "Tim definitely here for him as a teammate. I know what it's like to be on the rough side."

Glambi has his own critics to appease

after a season wrecked by injury and an off-



AP

Jason Giambi smiles as he talks with reporters after arriving at spring training.

season filled with steroid allegations, and he wasted no time getting started.

A little more than 2 hours after arriving at spring training in Tampa, Fla., on Monday, he walked to the outfield end of the New York dugout, stepped onto the field and was greeted with cheers and outstretched ness

stretched pens.

"It's pretty humbling, pretty incredible, to have the support from the fans," Giambi said." It's pretty awesome."

When he returned to the clubhouse, Giambi went down a row of pitchers' lockers and shook hands with Randy Johnson. Giambi decided not to give a group apology.

"What I've started doing is going up to the guys face to face," he said. "To me, that meant more than doing a team meeting or addressing the team."

Yankees bashing spilled over into the Philadelphia Phillies' training camp in

Players agree to testing in World Cup

The Associated Pre-

Baseball players signed an agreement calling for international drug-testing rules during a World Cup tournament next year.

The deal, signed by the union, the commissioner's office and the International Baseball Federation on Feb. 16, states that IBAF rules will cover the frequency of testing before and during the tournament, the list of prohibited substances, the procedures for taking samples and the laboratories used.

"This agreement reflects with integrity the IBAF rules approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency," the IBAF said in a statement.

Each team will select a provisional roster of 60 players 45 days before the start

Clearwater, Fla., when outfielder Kenny Lofton reported and wasted no time in taking a shot at Joe Torre, his manager last season.

"He didn't want me to play. If he wanted me to play, I would have played," Lofton said. "I liked the situation over there, but I wasn't wanted by the manager. Certain managers you respect. Now, I'm in a more relaxed situation."

A six-time All-Star center fielder. Lofton

is coming off his most frustrating season.
He hit .275 with seven stolen bases in just
83 games in his only year with the Yankees.

of the tournament, and players will be covered by the drug-testing rules until the end of the competition.

the end of the competition.

More substances are banned by the
IBAF than in Major League Baseball.
Gene Orza, the union's chief executive of-

ficer, wouldn't discuss details of the deal.

"Obviously, we will brief in detail the
players who elect to play in the games on
the specifics of the agreement," Orza said
in an e-mail Tuesday.

The sides agreed to the deal last April 26 and had been putting it in writing.

Lawyers for players and owners currently are revising their own drug-testing agreement, which will include more frequent tests for steroids and, for the first time, suspensions for first-time offenders and offseason testing. They hope that deal will be in place by the mandatory reporting date for spring training, March 1.

At Peoria, Ariz., Seattle third-baseman Adrian Beltre took his physical and joined his new teammates for a round of batting practice.

Beltre, who signed a \$64 million, five-year contract with the Mariners in December, knows the game will be different for him after spending the first seven years of his major league career with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It's not going to be easy," he said of fac-

ing AL pitching for the first time. "It's going to take time to adjust to it. I hope my new teammates are going to help me."

Sirius Satellite Radio signs deal to broadcast NASCAR

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the latest push to ramp up its programming slate, Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. reached an agreement to broadcast NASCAR races and related events over a five-year period for \$107.5 million, luring the broadcast rights away from rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc.

The deal, announced Tuesday, calls for Sirius to become the exclusive satellite radio partner for NASCAR. The agreement was a coup for Sirius, the smaller of the two satellite radio providers.

Both Sirius and XM have been committing large sums of money to lock in programming as part of their drive to build up their businesses and attract customers.

Last fall, Sirius announced that it entered a five-year, \$500 million deal to broadcast Howard Stern's show beginning in 2006, when his contract with Infinity Broadcasting ends. XM also signed Major League Baseball to its service last fall.

Sirius reported last month that it ended 2004 with more than 1.1 million subscribers and expected to finish 2005 with more than 2.5 million. XM, which is based in Washington, D.C., reported that it had more than 3.2 million users as of the end of 2004.

nel and a deal with College Sports Television, which enables Sirius to air the games of 23 major-college teams — including Southern

Sports briefs

California, Notre Dame and LSU. The company also signed a deal in November to air the men's NCAA tournament through 2007, and approximately 225 English Premier League soccer games through May 2005.

Priest pleads guilty in Pitt football player's death

PITTSBURGH — A priest pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter Tuesday in the death of a University of Pittsburgh football player who fell through a church ceiling while drunk.

The Rev. Henry Krawczyk, who entered the plea on the day his trial was to begin, was sentenced to seven years' probation.

The sentence was the maximum amount of probation the priest could have faced in the June 18, 2003, death of 19-year-old receiver Billy Gaines.

Gaines was legally drunk when he fell onto his head from more than 20 feet from a crawl space above the ceiling at St. Anne Church in a Pittsburgh suburb. Gaines, a former high school starform Ijansville, Md., died about 20 hours later of head and spinal injuries.

Allegheny County prosecutors said Krawczyk, 52, was the only adult of legal drinking at a cookout the priest hosted in the hours leading up to Gaines' fall.

Hockey coach suspended for offering bounty on rival player

DETROIT — Motor City Mechanics coach Steve Shannon was suspended by the United Hockey League for the rest of the season for offering his players \$200 to take out Flint Generals forward Kevin Kerr.

UHL Commissioner Richard Brosal said Shannon never admitted to offering the money, but a league investigation found that he placed the bounty on Feb. 2 when the Mechanics played the Generals in Flint.

Before the game, Kerr criticized NHL players who had joined UHL teams, saying they were taking time from minor league players. Chris Chelios, Derian Hatcher and Kris Draper of the Detroit Red Wings joined the Mechanics on Feb. 1. Another Red Wings player, Jason Woolley, recently signed with the Generals

Brosal confirmed that the bounty was \$200, but said the amount wasn't important.

"I don't care if it was \$5. You do not put a bounty on another player's head," Brosal said Tuesday.

Boxer Young, who fought Ali, Norton, Foreman, dies at 56

PHILADELPHIA — Former heavyweight boxer Jimmy Young, who beat George Foreman and fought Muhammad Ali and Ken Norton in the 1970s, has died. He was 56. Young died Sunday at Hahnemann University Hospital, a spokeswoman told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The Philadelphia Daily News reported that he died of heart disease after a six-day hospitalization.

The 6-1, 210-pound Young compiled a 35-18-3 record with 12 knockouts during a career that spanned from 1969-90.

Young lost a championship bout to Ali on April 30, 1976, al-though some boxing experts disputed the decision. He beat Foreman nearly a year later in a 12-round decision in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 17, 1977. But perhaps his toughest loss was a split decision to Norton on Nov. 5, 1977, in a WBC elimination bout in Las Vegas.



Alexander, Wright light up scoreboard

Centers score 38 in Zama, King triumphs

Similar in size and stature, Erika Alexander and Tiffani Wright came equally close to Pacific high school basketball history Tuesday.

The 6-foot center transfers each came within three points of topping the region's single-game scoring record for girls in leading their teams to pool-play victories in Far East high school tournament play.

Wright's 38 points powered Zama American of Japan past two-time runner-up John F. Kennedy of Guam 53-49 in the Girls Class AA Tournament at Seoul American High School.

Wright said she "had no idea" she was within three points of the record of 41 set in the 2000 Class AA tournament; "winning" was all she had on her mind.

Echoed Alexander, a fellow 6-footer: "I was just playing hard for my team, hoping we would

Alexander's E.J. King Cobras of Japan did win, 64-59, in the Girls Class A Tournament at Pusan American School, But it took solving the riddle of Guam's St. Paul Christian Warriors' pressure defense, which had intimidated its two previous foes with its fleet-footed, pressing defense. The Cobras used freshman

Far East basketball

point guard Kristia Suriban to break the pressure, then work the ball in to Alexander, who grabbed 26 rebounds, breaking the 1994 record of 25.

The strategy helped King rally from a six-point deficit.

"We got rattled in the second coach Bridget Vertin said. "But we settled down by the fourth quarter and just kept dishing it inside. Kristia can break

"They played very well," War-riors coach Paul Pineda said. "They handled the pressure. And we had no answer" for Alex-

The victory pulled E.J. King to the top of its round-robin pool and continued the turnaround from last year's 4-21 season to a 16-8 mark through Tuesday Zama American also main-

tained its reversal from last season's 13-14 showing to a 16-9 mark through Tuesday. Both play-alike centers said their teams are primed for Center

"We have the team, we have natience and we have love for each Alexander said. "Team

After dropping their pool play

"are headed in the right direction." Wright said. "If we all come

to play, we can beat any team in our path." Cardiac Cougars overcome injury bug with clutch wins

With just five healthy players and one getting around the floor with a bad ankle, Osan American of Korea is being called the Cardiac Cougars - but it's making the most of its chance to reclaim, with a minimum of resources, the Boys Class A title it won two vears ago.

In Tuesday's first game, Brandon Holling went down with a tournament-ending knee injury, then Cory Black turned an ankle

Yet the Cougars prevailed 53-52 on Chris Durham's two foul shots with 2.4 seconds left. Then, going against a Pusan

American team that twice beat the Cougars during the regular season, Osan American lost yet another player, Ellis Colton, to an ankle injury.

But Colton's ankle was taped

and iced to where he could be functional So when Ben Kretz fouled out. Colton stepped on the court in overtime and hit a shot with 16 seconds left that brought down the Panthers 46-43

Osan advanced to a Wednesday showdown with defending cham pion St. Paul.



Erika Alexander, left, of E.J. King looks for shooting room against Alvssa Tomada of St. Paul Christian during Tuesday's game, Alexander scored 38 points and pulled down a tournament-record 26 rebounds.

Far East basketball tournament scoreboard

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With NBA trade deadline looming, some teams seek home improvement, Page 27





The U.S. Olympic hockey team cuts loose after its 4-3 victory over the Soviet Union on Feb. 22, 1980, in Lake Placid, N.Y. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 in the gold-medal game.

A golden moment celebrates its silver anniversary

Improbable victory over Soviets in 1980 Olympics remembered

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BY HAL BOCK

The Associated Press They are middle-aged men now, their hair a little thinner, their bodies a little thicker, pursuing careers, one an oral surgeon, another a financial broker, one a horse rancher, another a university executive, spread across the country from Massachusetts

Twenty-five years 44 You just can't to Minnesota. ago, they came together and manufactured a miracle.

This week, they'll gather in Lake Placid, N.Y., for their silver anniversary re-union. The U.S. hockey team won the Olympic gold medal in that tiny Adirondack town in 1980, prevailing against the longest

of odds and bringing together a country that was through tough times.

It produced a nationwide celebration then, and the reunion ought to be a terrific party now.

"There are a lot of great memo ries," said Mike Eruzione, the captain of the team, who scored the winning goal in the medal-round game against the So-

viet Union and now works in alumni relations at his alma mater. Boston University. "The feelings in that arena, that locker room The fun we had. What we accom-plished. It was a fabulous two weeks. Understand the

that way. 77 circumstances. Twenty-five years Bill Baker ago, as 20 young U.S. defenseman skaters prepared



Mike Eruzione, captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team who scored the winning goal in the medal-round game against the Soviet Union, now works in alumni relations at his alma mater, Boston University. He said of the two-week tournament, "We thought a bronze medal was possible."

for those Olympic Games, Americans were being held hostage in Iran and Soviet troops were marching through Afghanistan. President Carter already had announced a U.S. boycott of the Summer Olympics in Moscow. The U.S. economy was in disarray, with interest rates and inflation soaring.

Professionals were not a part of the Olympics then. There were no Dream Teams of NBA players in the Summer Games, no NHL players in the Winter Games. It was an all-amateur show. At least it

was supposed to be. USA Hockey followed the rules, gathering a squad of college kids and undrafted players and turning them over to Herb Brooks, hockey coach of the University of Minnesota. Brooks was the last player cut from the 1960 U.S. hockey team, which won a gold medal. Every gold after that had gone to the Soviet Union, and there was no reason to believe

that would change in 1980. The Soviets arrived in Lake Placid with a roster of stars. The goalie was Vladlislav Tretiak, who would wind up in the Hall of Fame. The captain was Boris Mikhailov, affectionally known as the Gordie Howe of Gorky Street The team included a fistful of fu-ture NHL players like Viacheslav Fetisov, Vladimir Krutov, Alexei

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